

# Kirsty Williams announces £14 million for school repairs

The funding will be spent on areas such as boilers and plumbing works to school toilets, caretaker costs, painting and decorating, plastering and repairing or replacing flooring. This will complement work to improve school buildings through the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools and Education Programme.

Local Authorities will receive the funding in the first instance who will then distribute the money to all schools in Wales.

Kirsty Williams said:

"I hear it often enough, from teachers and headteachers across the country, that time and funding is too often taken up by school maintenance issues, as opposed to supporting learners.

"That's why today I am making available an additional £14 million, which is to be allocated directly to schools.

"This will address small scale maintenance costs, alleviating pressures on school budgets. Every single school across Wales will benefit from this money and it will go directly to the frontline.

"I hope local authorities are now able to transfer this money across to schools as quickly as possible so that essential work can begin."