

# Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 2 Senedd and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 28 February 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.46

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS (Chair) James Evans MS Heledd Fychan MS Laura Anne Jones MS Ken Skates MS Buffy Williams MS
Witnesses:	Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and the Welsh Language Jo-Anne Daniels, Welsh Government Owain Lloyd, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Samiwel Davies (Legal Adviser)



## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

1.2 The Chair noted that James Evans MS had to leave the meeting at 11.30.

## **2 General scrutiny of the Minister for Education and Welsh Language**

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister on areas in his portfolio.

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide a note on the following:

- Provide further information on the attainment gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and other pupils, including why you believe the data published by the Welsh Government cannot be used to make comparisons between years;
- Look further at the Seren Network data in relation to those pupils who may not continue on the programme, to identify if there are any trends in relation to their subsequent performance and engagement with their learning;
- Provide further information on how take up of Welsh A-Level can be encouraged and increased, in particular in relation to the teaching and the content of the syllabus;
- Provide information on the research undertaken, and guidance issued, regarding how schools could provide digital, remote teaching and learning should the need for this arise again in the future;
- Confirm when you anticipate issuing the strengthened guidance on Learner Travel.
- Consider further how the work of the Attendance Taskforce can be reported back to the Senedd and / or Committee;
- Share the e-sgol participation data; and
- Share, when available, Public Health Wales' work on the whole-school approach.

### **3 Papers to note**

3.1 The papers were noted.

### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and for the whole of the meeting on 7 and 14 March**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

### **5 General scrutiny of the Minister for Education and Welsh Language – consideration of the evidence**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence it has heard in the scrutiny session.

5.2 Members agreed to write to the Minister to follow-up on some points raised.

### **6 Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill – consideration of the draft report**

6.1 The Committee considered the draft report. An amended version would be considered at next week's meeting.