

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 8 May 2024

Meeting time: 09.05 – 11.16

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Gareth Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Tom Giffard MS Jack Sargeant MS
Witnesses:	Lynne Neagle MS, Cabinet Secretary for Education Lloyd Hopkin, Welsh Government Hannah Wharf, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Catherine McKeag (Official) Jennifer Cottle (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 thanked Jayne Bryant MS who had chaired the Committee since 2021, She wished her all the best in her new role as Minister for Mental Health and Early Years.

1.3 The Chair also thanked James Evans MS, Ken Skates MS and Laura Jones MS for their time on the Committee. She welcomed the Committee's new Members, Hefin David MS, Gareth Davies MS, Tom Gifford MS and Jack Sargeant MS and looked forward to working with them all.

1.4 There were no apologies.

2 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6 and 8 of this meeting and for the whole of the meeting on the 15 May and 23 May

2.1 The motion was agreed.

3 Implementation of education reforms – update on family engagement activities

3.1 Members received an oral update on the engagement activities that have taken place for the third check-in.

4 Implementation of education reforms – evidence session

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Education.

4.2 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide the Committee with a breakdown of funding that had been spent on implementing the new ALN system to date and how much is allocated in the 2024–25 budget.

4.3 The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary with the questions that were unasked.

5 Papers to note

5.1 The papers were noted.

6 Implementation of education reforms – consideration of the evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous session.

6.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister to follow-up on some issues raised during the session and agreed to publish an interim report.

7 The Review of roles and responsibilities of education partners in Wales and delivery of school improvement arrangements [Item has been postponed to a future meeting]

8 The Review of roles and responsibilities of education partners in Wales and delivery of school improvement arrangements – discussion of rescheduling the item

8.1 Members agreed to discuss rescheduling this item after the Cabinet Secretary's statement next week on delivering Wales' education priorities.