

# Agenda – Children, Young People, and Education Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 3 Senedd  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 4 February 2026

Meeting time: 09.30

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## Hybrid

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### Private pre-meeting

09.15 – 09.30

### Public meeting

09.30 – 11.00

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

09.30

#### 2 General scrutiny session with the Welsh Government – Education

09.30 – 11.00

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Lynne Neagle MS, Cabinet Secretary for Education

Vikki Howells MS, Minister for Further and Higher Education

Georgina Harhoff, Director of Education, Welsh Government

Nicola Edwards, Deputy Director, Equity in Education Division, Welsh Government

Hannah Wharf, Deputy Director, Support for Learners Division, Welsh Government

Ruth Meadows, Director of Tertiary Education, Welsh Government



Attached Documents:

Research brief

Welsh Government Evidence Paper

### **3 Papers to note**

11.00

#### **3.1 Information from Stakeholders**

(Pages 53 – 55)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee  
from the Cabinet Secretary for Education

#### **3.2 Routes into post-16 education and training**

(Pages 56 – 72)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Welsh Government to the Committee's report

#### **3.3 Routes into post-16 education and training**

(Pages 73 – 85)

Attached Documents:

Response from Medr to the Committee's report

#### **3.4 Forward work programme**

(Pages 86 – 93)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee  
from Public Health Wales

### **3.5 Welsh Government draft Budget 2026–27**

(Pages 94 – 113)

Attached Documents:

Response from the Welsh Government to the Committee's report

### **3.6 P–06–1540 Remove The Manipulative Funding System Forcing Students To Do Welsh Baccalaureate**

(Pages 114 – 115)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education from the Chair of the Petitions Committee

### **3.7 P–06–1532 Early Expert Input and Safeguarding Reform for Children with Additional Learning Needs in Wales**

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Chair of the Petitions Committee

## **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**

11.00

### **Private meeting**

11.00 – 12.30

## **5 General scrutiny session with the Welsh Government – consideration of the evidence**

11.00 – 11.15

## **Break**

11.15 – 11.25

## **6 Implementation of education reforms – consideration of the draft letter**

11.25 – 12.00

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Attached Documents:

Draft letter

ALN Toolkit for Parents: Advisory Group Review

## **7 Forward work programme – discussion on Committee's Legacy work**

12.00 – 12.30

(Pages 128 – 140)

Attached Documents:

Key Issues