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Dear Elin,

Maintained Schools (Amendment of Paragraph 7 of Schedule 17 to the Coronavirus Act 2020) (Wales) Regulations 2020

I have today made Maintained Schools (Amendment of Paragraph 7 of Schedule 17 to the Coronavirus Act 2020) (Wales) Regulations 2020 under paragraph 8 of Schedule 17 to the Coronavirus Act 2020 which comes into force on 25 June. I attach a copy of the statutory instrument and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, which I intend to lay once the statutory instrument has been registered.

This instrument will come into force before it will be laid before the Senedd. This is necessary to enable a notice to be issued to modify requirements in the School Organisation Code and disapply requirements in the Changing of School Session Times (Wales) Regulations 2009. This is needed to allow school organisation proposals to continue where schools are currently closed or may close in the future due to coronavirus, and to allow for schools planning their start and finish time to welcome more learners from 29 June.

In accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 8 of Schedule 17 to the Coronavirus Act 2020, this instrument must be approved by the Senedd by 25 September 2020 in order for it to remain in effect. In these circumstances I understand Standing Order 21.4A is relevant and the Business Committee may establish and publish a timetable for the responsible committee or committees to

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report. It may be helpful to know that I intend to hold the plenary debate for this item of subordinate legislation on 15 July.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd, Mick Antoniw MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,



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