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Janet Finch-Saunders AM
Chair, Petitions Committee
Welsh Parliament
Tŷ Hywel
Cardiff Bay
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09 June 2020

Dear Janet Finch-Saunders MS,

Thank you for your letter dated 2 June regarding Petition P-05-972 To provide a minimum of 4 hours a day of live teaching during COVID closures for all school children.

We are aware that some schools have the capability to deliver live streamed lessons safely to their learners and as such we have worked with stakeholders across the Education sector to agree guidance to reflect this, subject to certain conditions. This is available at <https://hwb.gov.wales/distance-learning/developing-approaches-to-support-distance-learning/>

The safeguarding of children remains our priority but schools have the option to use live streaming of lessons if it is considered appropriate. In doing so schools should closely adhere to their safeguarding policies and refer to the Welsh Government's 'Live-streaming safeguarding principles and practice for education practitioners' guidance document' at <https://hwb.gov.wales/zones/online-safety/live-streaming-safeguarding-principles-and-practice-for-education-practitioners/> and any relevant local authority guidance.

Welsh Government do not prescribe the amount of live streaming of lessons that will be delivered as individual schools have the responsibility for the use of live streaming of lessons according to their capability to do so and local arrangements for interaction with their learners.

Any arrangements for the use of live streaming of lessons will remain the responsibility of individual schools in conjunction with their Local Authorities and as such they will need to confirm the agreed position with their Local Authority.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kirsty Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

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