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22 June 2020

Dear Elin,

The Curriculum Requirements (Amendment of paragraph 7(5) of Schedule 17 to the Coronavirus Act 2020) (Wales) Regulations 2020

I have today made the Curriculum Requirements (Amendment of paragraph 7(5) 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 23 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 disapply the basic curriculum prior to the increased operations of schools. This is needed to create the space and flexibility for schools to focus on supporting the health and well-being of learners as they start to return, recognising the continuing public health considerations and social distancing requirements mean that a blended learning approach of in school and remote based learning will be needed for the foreseeable future.

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

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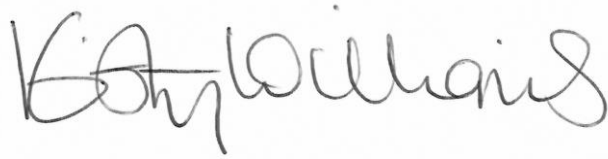
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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Williams'.

Kirsty Williams AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Addysg
Minister for Education