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Pwnc | Subject: **Request for the CYPE Committee to meet during a non-sitting week**

Annwyl Lywydd,

In light of recent developments in relation to the rewarding of examination results, the Children, Young People and Education Committee would like to meet during the week commencing 17 August to scrutinise the WJEC, Qualifications Wales and the Minister for Education. As this is not a sitting week, in accordance with Standing Order 17.46, I am writing as Chair to consult with you on this request.

While more detailed, longer-term consideration will need to be given to this complex matter, Members are keen to hold a short, sharp scrutiny session (in advance of next week's GCSE results) in order to seek reassurances that:

- key issues in relation to all examination results and associated appeals processes are in hand;
- fairness, clarity and accuracy will be provided for learners, parents and carers, and education staff in Wales.

I am sure that you will agree that the Committee has an important role in holding the Welsh Government and public bodies to account on the approaches adopted in response to this pandemic. Given the significant concerns and complexities surrounding the awarding of exam results this year, I would be grateful if you could confirm as soon as possible that the Committee will be able to hold a formal public meeting (virtually, given the current public health situation), to scrutinise these matters further as a matter of priority. Subject to witnesses' availability, our aim is to meet on Tuesday 18 August.

Kind regards,



Lynne Neagle MS
Chair

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