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Eich cyf/Your ref Petition P-05-1011
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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 August regarding Petition P-05-1011 Virtual On-line teacher-led lessons to be provided for all school children.

On 9 July I announced that we intend that schools will open fully to all pupils in September. This is in line with the advice received from the Welsh Technical Advisory Group and remains subject to a continuing, steady decline in the presence of COVID-19 in the community.

To help schools prepare for this scenario in September detailed guidance has been published

<https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-autumn-term-covid-19>

<https://gov.wales/guidance-learning-schools-and-settings-autumn-term-covid-19>

Additionally there is planning being undertaken to cope with a range of scenarios that would include partial or full closure of schools if circumstances required. Officials have been working with stakeholders from across the sector to develop guidance on the use of models of blended learning that may include both face to face teaching and online provision.

<https://hwb.gov.wales/distance-learning/developing-approaches-to-support-distance-learning/>

The Regional Consortia have also developed models and examples of delivering blended learning that have been made available to all Local Authorities and schools to support them to continue to provide consistent and quality learning for all learners in Wales, should the need arise to use these routes. The delivery of learning remains the responsibility of Local

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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.

Authorities and schools and it is for them to ensure provision that is designed to meet the needs of their learners.

Yours sincerely

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

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