

CYPE(5)-29-20 - Paper to note 10

Senedd Cymru

Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg

Welsh Parliament

Children, Young People and Education Committee

Kirsty Williams MS, Minister for Education

Dyddiad | Date: 17 November 2020

Pwnc | Subject: **The impact of Covid-19 on remote teaching and learning**

Dear Kirsty,

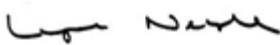
As part of our continuing work on the impact of Covid-19 on children and young people, we have looked specifically at the effect the public health emergency is having on remote teaching and learning.

An issue that has been continuously raised with us is the impact of loss of teaching time on the curriculum and qualifications in 2020/21. We welcome steps taken by the Welsh Government earlier this year, particularly your announcement in July 2020 of £29 million to fund the equivalent of 600 extra teachers and 300 teaching assistants to provide extra support at years 11, 12 and 13, as well as disadvantaged and vulnerable learners of all ages.

However, I write to seek assurances that this money is being used by local authorities as intended, to create additional teaching posts. I would be grateful if you could provide me with the details of how many new posts have been created and how the Welsh Government is monitoring the use of this money.

Given the importance of this information, and our ongoing work in this area, I would appreciate—if possible—a response ahead of your attendance in Committee on 26 November 2020, to inform our session.

Yours sincerely,



Lynne Neagle MS

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg | We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.



Senedd Cymru

Bae Caerdydd, Caerdydd, CF99 1SN

 SeneddPPIA@senedd.cymru

 0300 200 6565

Welsh Parliament

Cardiff Bay, Cardiff, CF99 1SN

 SeneddCYPE@senedd.wales

 0300 200 6565