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Welsh Parliament

Children, Young People and Education Committee

CYPE Committee stakeholders

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The end of the Fifth Senedd and completion of CYPE Committee work

Dear Colleagues,

As we near the end of the Fifth Senedd, I wanted to write to you to thank you for your contribution to our work as a committee over the last five years.

At this point in the term, I would usually be writing to you to outline the findings of our legacy work. Nevertheless, the impact of the coronavirus pandemic has forced us to re-think our approach. As a Committee, we have prioritised scrutinising the impact of the pandemic on our children and young people since March last year. As we near the end of our term, and one year since the first lockdown began, seeking to mitigate the impact of coronavirus on our children and young people remains our top priority.

To that end, we are focusing our remaining weeks of scrutiny and our final report on recovery from COVID-19 for our children and young people. Every area of policy and legislation we have considered during this Senedd has been impacted by COVID-19. We will do all we can to draw on our learning over the last five years to make a series of recommendations to the Welsh Government and our successor committee to pick up the work we are now required to complete as we approach the Senedd election.

It has been my privilege to Chair this Committee since 2016. It has also been my privilege to work with stakeholders across this sector. Without you, our work would be impossible, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all. The last year has been like no other, and I know that many of you have been on the front line supporting our children and young people. For that, and for everything else you do for our children and young people, as the Senedd's Children, Young People and Education Committee, we thank you – diolch o galon.

Yours sincerely,

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