

**Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc
ac Addysg**

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**Children, Young People
and Education Committee**

Jeremy Miles MS
Minister for Education and Welsh Language
By email

Date: 10 August 2021

Subject: Autumn ministerial session

Dear Jeremy,

Thank you for agreeing to attend a meeting of the Children, Young People and Education Committee on 23 September 2021. The session will be an invaluable opportunity to discuss your priorities and key areas of work as they relate to the Committee's remit.

To that end, I would be grateful if you could provide written information to the Committee to support the meeting. Please could you provide us with a paper no later than 9 September setting out the following as they relate to the Committee's remit:

- Your priorities and key areas of work.
- Relevant Programme for Government activities and commitments within your portfolio, including those where you are listed as the 'lead portfolio Minister'; those within your portfolio but listed as the responsibility of the 'full Cabinet' and how you will co-ordinate and integrate across the whole of government to deliver these; and indicative steps and timelines for the delivery of these activities and commitments.
- Planned primary legislation.
- An update on the latest position regarding the short to medium-term implications of COVID-19 for the education sector and the operation of schools, colleges and universities from September 2021, including any contingency plans should the pandemic cause further widescale disruption to attendance at educational settings.

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- An update on the medium to long-term educational recovery from COVID-19 and the progress and emerging challenges associated with the Renew and Reform plan published in June 2021 (including an update on the forthcoming post-16 recovery implementation plan referred to in the Renew and Reform document).
- Your approach to lifelong learning policy and its coordination with the Minister for Economy.
- Your approach to the funding and implementation of the 2017 Reid Review recommendations given that some aspects of implementation now sit in both your portfolio and the portfolio of the Minister for Economy.
- How you intend to adopt a children's rights approach to all decisions and how the voices of children and young people will influence your decisions, as recommended by the Children, Young People and Education Committee of the Fifth Senedd.

As you may be aware, we are currently undertaking a general consultation to seek views on what our priorities should be during the Sixth Senedd. We will also be engaging with children and young people in the autumn term to gather their views directly.

Yours sincerely,



Jayne Bryant MS

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.