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Dear Huw,

### **Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: British-Irish Council Summit in Wales**

I am writing in accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement to notify you of the thirty sixth Summit meeting of the British-Irish Council which I will be hosting in Wales later this week.

The Summit will take place in a hybrid format, with both virtual and in person attendees. The Minister for Education and Welsh Language and I will be representing the Welsh Government.

As well as the usual opportunity for a general update on issues, the Summit will focus on supporting early years education and childcare within Indigenous, Minority and Lesser-Used (IML) Language communities.

Prior to the Summit the Minister for Education and Welsh Language will host a virtual discussion for Ministers on IML Language acquisition in early years.

A communiqué will be agreed by the Council at the Summit detailing the discussions held at the Summit and at the Ministerial discussion of the IML worksector, and I will write again following the Summit to share these with you. I will also update the Senedd with a statement on the Summit next week.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language, Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee and Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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