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Dear Llywydd

**The Education (School Day and School Year) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021**

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that this statutory instrument will come into force on 1 January 2022, less than 21 days after it has been laid. A copy of the instrument and the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies it are attached for your information.

The purpose of the instrument is to amend the Education (School Day and School Year) (Wales) Regulations 2003 (“the 2003 Regulations”) to allow the first two days at the start of the spring term during the 2021-22 school year to be allocated for planning days in order for schools to assess staffing capacity and put the necessary measures in place to support the return of learners. It will also help ensure they have robust plans in place should onsite learning be disrupted over the coming weeks and months.

Without these Regulations in place by the start of the spring term for the 2021-22 school year, schools will not meet the required number of sessions during the 2021-22 school year as set out in the 2003 Regulations.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Siwan

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

Davies, Director of Senedd Business, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JM', with a stylized, cursive flourish.

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