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Pupil attendance & training for school governors

Dear Chief Executive,

We scrutinised Estyn's 2020-21 annual report on **13 December 2021**. During that evidence session Estyn raised two important issues with us that we would like to follow up with you.

Pupil attendance

The Welsh Government publishes **weekly attendance statistics**, but some groups of children whose attendance has been particularly badly affected by the pandemic are not included in the data.

Please can you provide us with:

- information about how you are you working with schools to monitor and improve the attendance of pupils who have not returned to school since the two periods of general school closures, have done so on a very limited basis, or have been regularly/persistently absent; and
- any data you hold on the numbers and absence rates of these pupils?

Training for school governors

We heard from Estyn about the support they provide to school governors, including their lay inspector programme, which enables school governors to train as lay inspectors to gain insight into how Estyn carries out its evaluations of schools.



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Please can you provide us with information about the support you provide to school governors, including how you are encouraging school governors to take up Estyn's lay inspector training programme?

We would appreciate a response no later than Thursday 20 January 2022, to enable us to consider it at our meeting the following week.

If you have any questions or would like clarification of any of the above points, please don't hesitate to contact the Committee clerks (SeneddChildren@Senedd.Wales).

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

