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Dear Jeremy,

The Committee discussed its forward work programme on 31 March. We have agreed to undertake a range of work on different issues, including pupil absence. We will be undertaking a short and focussed inquiry on this over the summer term.

We are aware from your [statement last October](#) that this is a matter of concern for the Government, and that you have instructed officials to undertake a comprehensive review of attendance patterns, to inform development of future policy interventions. We understand that this work was going to include working with education stakeholders to collect intelligence on the emerging situation and what measures/interventions are needed to better re-engage learners.

In order to help inform our approach to our work, we would like to seek an update on this review, any initial findings and what are the next steps for developing future policy interventions on this important issue. We will be considering our terms of reference for this inquiry in early May, so it would be helpful to have a response by 29 April, if possible.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Jayne Bryant MS,



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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.