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Your views on the implementation of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021

Dear Philip,

As you may know, the Senedd's Children, Young People and Education Committee is currently undertaking a long-term inquiry into the implementation of key education reforms passed during the last Senedd (2016-2021), including the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021.

We have copied you into letters we have written to representatives of the HE sector across the UK and major umbrella representatives of the post-16 education and training sector here in Wales to seek their views on any aspect of the implementation of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021, and specifically what they consider the impact of the Curriculum will be on:

- Welsh children and young people's admissions to higher education; and
- the general skills that Welsh children and young people will need to succeed on higher education courses.

We are not seeking to duplicate or supplant the work you are doing to consult and engage with post-16 stakeholders on the future of qualifications. We are keen to hear views on the implementation of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021 to inform our own work.

We are also keen to hear an updated perspective from you, as the independent regulator, on whether and how the curriculum reforms will benefit Welsh young people and Wales more widely. We would also be very interested to hear about the engagement work you are undertaking with the post-16 sector, particularly the higher education sector outside of Wales.

Our scrutiny of the implementation of curriculum reform is ongoing during this Senedd (until spring 2026) and we welcome submissions at any time during that period. However, it would be very helpful if we could receive any response you wish to make on the above points in particular by 24 April 2023

so it can inform our next set of scrutiny activities for this inquiry, which include scrutiny of the Minister for Education and Welsh Language on 10 May.

If you have any concerns over this timescale, or would like any more information about this inquiry or the Committee more generally, please don't hesitate to contact our clerks (SeneddChildren@Senedd.Wales). Otherwise, I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Jayne Bryant MS
Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.