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Chair
Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Dear Jayne

Thank you for your letter of 16 May seeking an update on the two sets of draft regulations that were consulted on in 2020 and the publication of the Handbook for Home Educators.

In terms of the regulations to identify children potentially missing education, the draft regulations are currently being amended to take into account the responses to the consultation in 2020 and as such, I intend to consult on revised draft regulations in early 2024.

To support the implementation of the regulations, I will be:

- publishing guidance, in spring 2025, setting out the duties placed on bodies under the regulations, together with guidance about how the database should operate in practice; and
- undertaking a one-year pilot study, commencing in spring 2025, to assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the regulations and the database.

The Handbook for Home Educators will be published during the week of 12 June.

I trust you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely,

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