

Jeremy Miles MS
Minister for Education and Welsh Language
Welsh Government

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Future support for Duolingo

Dear Jeremy

I am writing to you following recent reports that Duolingo will no longer be updating or editing the Welsh language course on its app from the end of October 2023. As I am sure you will agree, this news is very concerning given the number of learners who use Duolingo, either solely or alongside formal provision, to learn Welsh.

I would be grateful if you could outline:

- When you were first made aware of Duolingo's plans;
- What discussions have been undertaken by either you or your officials with Duolingo about this issue, either before or since this announcement;
- What discussions you have had with the National Centre for Learning Welsh relating to its role in continuing to create content for Duolingo;
- What potential resource implications exist for the National Centre if its offer to help with the work of developing the Welsh course on Duolingo is accepted.

You have previously stated that the partnership between Duolingo and the National Centre "will create even more opportunities for people to enjoy learning and using the language." This resource is therefore a critical component in working towards the ambition of ensuring 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050, a goal I know that you are committed to achieving.

I look forward to receiving your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Delyth Jewell

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Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

