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Chair - Petitions Committee
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Dear Carolyn,

Petition P-06-1501 - Put rugby in the curriculum for Wales from primary schools through to secondary schools

Thank you for your letter of 28 March, and for the opportunity to provide my comments on the issues highlighted in the above petition which your committee recently received.

At the heart of the curriculum framework there are four purposes which are central to every decision made about the new curriculum. One of the four purposes is to support children and young people to become 'healthy, confident individuals'. The curriculum's mandatory Health and Well-being Area of Learning and Experience (Area) aims to ensure that school curricula build learning and support on physical, mental and emotional health, for all young people in Wales.

In the development of this Area, extensive consideration was given to learners' physical development and activity and the statutory guidance for the Area highlights the importance of learners experiencing a range of ongoing, daily opportunities to be physically active. This approach aims to support learners in developing healthy and active lifestyles which promote good physical health and well-being throughout their lives.

Different learners will have different needs and interests, and it is important that schools can select a variety of sports and activities that meet the needs of their learners. This enables schools to create enjoyable and meaningful sporting experiences that encourage all learners to develop the confidence, skills and motivation to be physically active for life. For many schools of course, rugby is likely to form part of that range.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

In view of the petitioner's interest in physical education and sport amongst young people, you may be interested in this resource by Sport Wales – [Citbag](#) - an online learning hub which aims to support schools to design their curriculum and implement physical activity skills – a pre-requisite to progressing in any sport, including rugby

We continue to work closely with a range of partners and stakeholders to evaluate the implementation of the Curriculum for Wales and the Health and Well-being Area of Learning in order to assess what further support is needed for schools to design and implement this Area including further resources and professional learning opportunities.

Yours sincerely,



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