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Dear Mike,

In December 2024, the UK Government introduced the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, the objectives of which are to remove barriers to opportunity in schools and improve the education system to make it more consistent and safer for every child. It also seeks to strengthen social care regulation to improve quality of care to ensure it meets children's needs, keeping children rooted in their families and local communities where possible.

As you are aware on 24 March 2025, the Welsh Government laid a Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) in relation to the Bill before the Senedd as amendments were tabled on 10 March 2025 which require the consent of the Senedd in so far as they relate to education and social care in Wales.

Further amendments were tabled on 13 May ahead of Lords Committee Stage on 20 May, including to Clause 26 (Employment of Children) ahead of Committee Stage in the House of Lords on 20 May. Our legal analysis confirms that the Bill makes relevant provision in relation to Wales and that Standing Order 29 is engaged. I have therefore laid a supplementary LCM today recommending the Senedd gives its consent to this provision.

Yours sincerely,

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