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Dear Lynne Neagle MS

Thank you for your invitation to attend the Children, Young People and Education Committee to discuss the arrangements that have been put in place this year for learners to be awarded grades following the cancellation of the summer exam series.

I am pleased you recognise the unprecedented steps that I had to take in cancelling this summer's exams and establish the extraordinary arrangements to award grades. I appreciate these have caused some concern. Learners are also understandably likely to be worried given the last minute developments in other parts of the UK and the associated media coverage. I welcome the opportunity to attend the Committee to help provide clarity and assurance about the steps we have are taking in Wales.

You will however note that this Committee meeting is scheduled for two days before GCSE results day and as such, whilst I will be able to answer questions about the approach to awarding GCSE grades, I will be unable to provide any detail about the results themselves. This position will also apply to Qualifications Wales and to WJEC. In light of this, I would be happy to attend a further Committee meeting on this matter after Thursday, or to provide written evidence to assist scrutiny.

Yours sincerely

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