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Bethan Jenkins
The Welsh Culture,
Welsh Language and Communication Committee

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Dear Bethan,

Following the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee meeting on Wednesday 14 September, you requested I provide a note on the remit of the Donaldson Review in relation to the Welsh language through an education continuum.

Successful Futures accepts the case to retain the Welsh language as a compulsory part of the school curriculum for learners aged 3–16. Although the report does not refer specifically to a language continuum for Welsh, recommendation 23 notes that:

Progression in the Welsh language towards transactional competence at age 16 should be appropriately reflected in the related Progression Steps and Achievement Outcomes. Professor Donaldson's Review, as well as undertaking its own research, had recourse to a wealth of other evidence including the One language for all report.

The design and development of the new curriculum and assessment arrangements is a partnership approach involving a network of Pioneer Schools, policymakers, stakeholders and other experts. There will be six Areas of Learning and Experience (AoLE) in the new curriculum. Within the AoLE for Languages, Literacy and Communications, a single continuum for the Welsh language will be developed as part of the programme of curriculum reform and Welsh second language will not feature in the new curriculum.

Yours sincerely

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