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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 24 October following the Petitions Committee meeting on 17 October. You have raised two issues which I will address as they appear in your letter.

1. Whether, and how, the Welsh Government intends to share the results of its data collection into schools with asbestos plans;

My officials have written to each local authority asking them to complete a school condition survey report. This report includes a request for information about the presence of asbestos in schools and for confirmation that asbestos management plans are in place if necessary

When all data has been received my officials will analyse the survey information and update me. At present I have no plans for my officials to share the data; however I will consider the appropriate way forward when the information is to hand

2. When the Asbestos in Schools Working Group will meet to consider recent developments in England and their applicability to schools in Wales.

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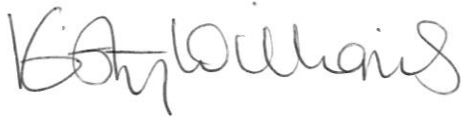
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

My officials are planning a meeting of the Working Group in November to consider the developments in England and their relevance to schools in Wales. Key stakeholder groups will be invited to attend as necessary.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Williams', written in a cursive style.

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