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Lynne Neagle AM
Chair
Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Dear Lynne,

Thank you for your letter of 16 August regarding our proposals to establish a Joint Ministerial Task and Finish Group (T&FG) to take forward the 'whole school approach' to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people, and the key recommendations in the *Mind over Matter* report.

We are pleased the Committee welcomes our proposal to move this agenda forward. Your letter raises a number of points which we wish to clarify in advance of us making a formal announcement of this work.

You have indicated that you wish to join the T&FG as an observer, participating and engaging fully, but retaining independence to fulfil your role as Committee Chair. We welcome your full engagement in group discussions, you have a wealth of knowledge and experience which will be invaluable to the group's work.

We will also be inviting the Children's Commissioner to join the T&FG, who would normally also do so as an observer. This is in line with her statutory function to scrutinise Welsh Government activity.

You also requested that the Committee is consulted on the Group's terms of reference and membership of the Stakeholder Reference Group, which will support the T&FG's work. The T&FG is a Welsh Government appointed body, which will advise us in our ministerial capacity so that we can take informed and appropriate decisions. Your role on the T&FG will enable a communication of views between the T&FG and Committee. This should ensure that Committee views and interests are reflected, and hold us to account, when issues are considered. We look forward to you providing views on the terms of reference and the membership of the stakeholder group.

You also asked for a revised written response to the *Mind over Matter* report by March 2019. We will be pleased to provide a further update to the Committee which will cover all

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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.

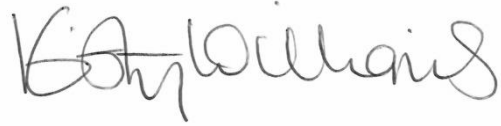
the recommendations and in relation to those joint health and education recommendations will focus on the T&FG's work.

We understand you have also agreed the draft press notice announcing this work, which we intend to issue today (7 September). This will accompany a Written Statement to the National Assembly and coincides with the multiagency workshop, which is also taking place today.

Yours sincerely,



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