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Dear David

**P-04-576 Allow Children in Wales to Have a Family Holiday During Term Time /
P-04-606 Ensure schools exercise their statutory powers under regulation 7 of The
Education (Pupil Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2010**

Thank you for your email of 10 December requesting an update on developments relating to the above petition.

My officials are continuing to undertake an extensive review of school attendance policy in Wales. This has included working with key stakeholders to understand the practical implications and challenges of the existing arrangements and to identify what changes are required to ensure arrangements continue to provide effective, fair and consistent support to parents, learners, schools and local authorities.

Our initial but extensive engagement work has now completed and my officials are using the evidence and feedback to revise the school attendance framework. Part of the evidence informing the revision of the framework is the evaluation of fixed penalty notices for non-attendance. The intention is to publish the revised framework for public consultation during the autumn term of 2019.

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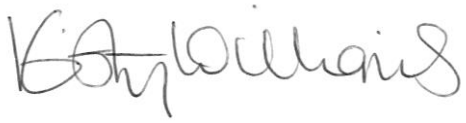
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Williams'.

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