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Dear Janet,

**P-05-757 Remove the Obligation on Schools to Hold Acts of Religious Worship  
and P-05-765 Keeping Current Guidelines for Religious Assemblies**

Thank you for your letter dated 27 September requesting an update on the above petitions.

There are a range of issues around the rights protected by the Human Rights Act 1998, equalities legislation and the UNCRC, in relation to collective worship. My officials are continuing to consider these issues.

Naturally, at the moment, my priority is completing work on developing the new curriculum and supporting the profession to implement it effectively. More in depth consideration of collective worship will need to wait until this work is complete.

I will keep the Committee informed on progress in this area over the coming months.

Yours sincerely

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