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National Assembly for Wales
Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Dear Ministers,

Review of Post-16 Learner Travel

The Children, Young People and Education Committee considered your **joint statement** on the proposed review of post-16 learner travel (13 November) at its meeting on 14 November.

In light of a number of issues relating to learner travel raised with us as committee members, we intend to undertake post-legislative scrutiny of the Learner Travel Measure before the end of this Assembly. As such, we are pleased to learn of your intention to review arrangements for post-16 learners and will draw on its findings as part of our work.

Nevertheless, concerns raised with us are not limited to post-16 learners. We note that your statement refers to the commitment to review and consult on the learner travel guidance (2014) but that this will be delayed pending the consideration of post-16 issues specifically. We would be grateful if you could clarify what consideration you plan to give (and when) to wider concerns about learner travel, including (but not restricted to):

- arrangements for travel to Welsh-medium and Faith schools for pupils of a statutory school age;
- arrangements for travel for pupils with additional learning needs, regardless of their age (in light of commitments made during the passage of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018);
- what constitutes a "safe route to school".

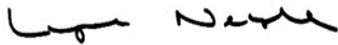


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I have copied this letter to the Children's and Welsh Language Commissioners given the relevance of these matters to their responsibilities and their ongoing work. I am also mindful that we wrote on 12 November to request further details of the timescales for the review of the learner travel guidance – please feel free to answer both letters with one response.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

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