

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 14 July 2022

Meeting time: 10.45 – 12.49

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS (Chair) James Evans MS Heledd Fychan MS (In place of Sioned Williams MS for items 1–7) Laura Anne Jones MS Ken Skates MS Sioned Williams MS Vikki Howells MS (In place of Buffy Williams MS)
Witnesses:	Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and the Welsh Language Georgina Haarhoff, Welsh Government Hannah Wharf, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)



	Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Sian Hughes (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

1.2 Apologies had been received from Buffy Williams MS, Vikki Howells MS substituted.

1.3 Apologies had also been received from Sioned Williams MS for agenda items 1 to 6. Heledd Fychan MS substituted for those items.

2 Implementation of education reforms – evidence session 1

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language.

2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister regarding tracking the figures on the balance of pupils on IDPs, how many are maintained by schools and how many are maintained by the local authority list, and also the number of pupils who are on the old SEN register and who are now being supported under the new ALN system.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and for the meeting on 21 September

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Pupil absence – consideration of the key issues

5.1 The Committee considered the key issues. A draft report would be considered at the next meeting.

6 Looked after children and care leavers – consideration of the scope and approach

6.1 The Committee discussed the scope and approach to the inquiry. It was agreed that a more detailed paper would be considered in the autumn term.

7 Autumn forward work programme – oral update on approach to annual scrutiny

7.1 The Committee agreed to invite Qualifications Wales and the WJEC into Committee for a joint scrutiny session on the summer 2022, the date of the meeting to be confirmed.

7.2 The Committee discussed and agreed the approach to the annual scrutiny sessions with Qualifications Wales, Estyn and the Children’s Commissioner.

8 Committee activities – oral update

8.1 Members provided oral updates on Committee activities that they had undertaken during the term, these included:

- Visit to Caerphilly Action for Children
- Visit to Monnow Primary School
- Visit to Cardiff University Student Life Centre
- Visit to Rhosymedre Primary School
- Feedback about the joint inquiry with Culture Committee on WESPs
- Update on monthly ministerial meetings