

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People, and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 23 October
2025

Meeting time: 09.31

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Hybrid

Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Members of the Senedd: | Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Cefin Campbell MS |
| Witnesses: | Lynne Neagle MS, Cabinet Secretary for Education Louise Brown, Welsh Government Lloyd Hopkin, Welsh Government Hannah Wharf, Welsh Government |
| Committee Staff: | Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Thomas Morris (Researcher) |



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 The Chair thanked Joel James MS for this time on the Committee and noted that Russell George MS was now on the Committee but had sent his apologies for this week's meeting.

2 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 3 and 6 of the meeting

2.1 The motion was agreed.

3 Routes into post-16 education and training – consideration of the draft report

3.1 Subject to minor amendments, the Committee agreed the draft report. The final report would be published on 12 November.

4 Implementation of education reforms – evidence session

4.1 The Committee scrutinised the Cabinet Secretary for Education.

4.2 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide the data on the number of pupils in special schools that have local authority IDP's.

5 Papers to note

5.1 The papers were noted.

6 Implementation of education reforms – consideration of the evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous session. A draft report would be considered at Committee on 15 January 2026.