

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 2 Senedd and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 17 September 2025

Meeting time: 09.01 – 12.37

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Cefin Campbell MS Vaughan Gething MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Lynne Neagle MS, Cabinet Secretary for Education Chris Warner, Welsh Government Awen Penri, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Hannah Jenkins (Official) Sian Hughes (Researcher)



	Thomas Morris (Researcher) Sian Thomas (Researcher)
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1 Teacher recruitment and retention – presentation of engagement findings

1.1 Members received a presentation on the teacher recruitment and retention engagement findings.

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

2.2 The Chair paid tribute to the late Hefin David MS.

2.3 Apologies were received from Joel James MS, there was no substitute.

3 Teacher recruitment and retention – evidence session 10

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Education.

3.2 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to check what figures were available for average class sizes in secondary schools and provide an update to Committee.

3.3 The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary with questions.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and for the whole meeting on 25 September, 2 and 8 October

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Teacher recruitment and retention – consideration of the evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous session.

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

7.1 The Committee considered the second half of the draft report. The draft report would be considered again at the meeting on 8 October.

8 Reviewing Committee Effectiveness in the Sixth Senedd – consideration of the letter from the Llywydd

8.1 The Committee considered a letter from the Chair's forum. A draft response would be circulated to Members and agreed by email.