

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People, and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 2 Senedd and video conference via Zoom

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Meeting date: Thursday, 6 November

2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.02

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Cefin Campbell MS Russell George MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Lynne Neagle MS, Cabinet Secretary for Education Nicola Edwards, Welsh Government Georgina Haarhoff, Welsh Government Sarah Angel, Welsh Government Alun Jones, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Leah Whitty (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)



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 were received from Vaughan Gething MS, there was no substitute

1.3 The Chair welcomed Russell George MS to the Committee.

2 School improvement and learner attainment – evidence session

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Cabinet Secretary.

2.2 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide the following information:

- the roles and responsibilities of Dysgu and its collaboration with local authorities;
- a note on the 'Beyond eFSM' project;
- information on the work being carried out to tackle the attainment gap;
- when available to share with the Committee the recommendations of the Welsh Government's expert panel of literacy.

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 School improvement and learner attainment – consideration of the evidence

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

5.2 Members agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary to highlight the issues raised during this piece of work.