

Jeremy Miles MS
Minister for Education and Welsh Language

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Racist bullying in schools

Dear Jeremy,

Like people across the country, I was appalled at the awful incidence of alleged racist bullying in Blaenau Gwent, resulting in such a serious injury on a young person. I welcome your statement made yesterday (23 May). I appreciate the incident is being investigated, and I am not seeking comments on the specifics of the individual case.

Building on your statement, please can you provide the Committee with some further information on:

- how the Welsh Government and local authorities can / does support individual schools to specifically address issues of racially motivated bullying in schools;
- what support will be put in place to support schools in implementing the updated statutory anti-bullying guidance which will be in place for the new school year in September;
- how the Welsh Government is encouraging schools, practitioners and governors to access the anti-bullying training mentioned in the statement; and
- what data is collected at either a local or national level on incidences of racially motivated bullying.

I would be grateful for this information no later than Friday 10 June.

Yours sincerely,



Jayne Bryant MS

Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.