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Welsh Parliament

**Children, Young People and Education Committee**

Kirsty Williams MS, Minister for Education

Dyddiad | Date: 08 July 2020

Pwnc | Subject: **Elective home education**

Dear Kirsty,

I am writing further to your Written Statement of 22 June 2020 on the proposals for home education statutory guidance and the draft database regulations.

You will be aware of the Committee's ongoing interest in elective home education, having exchanged correspondence on this issue on several occasions over the last 18 months.

We were therefore disappointed to learn in your recent announcement that it will "not now be possible to complete the planned work on the home education statutory guidance and database regulations within this Government term".

As a Committee, we fully understand the significant pressure placed on Welsh Ministers' and Government officials' capacity as a consequence of the current public health emergency. However, it remains our belief that action is needed to protect the rights of home educated children. We are conscious that you share our deep concern about children and young people being "hidden" in the pandemic and believe this adds weight to the very pressing need for action in this area.

We note that the [Children's Commissioner for Wales has written to you](#) to outline her significant concerns about this announcement and has asked a number of questions about how these decisions were reached. We would be grateful to receive a copy of your response to this request.

Yours sincerely,



**Lynne Neagle MS**  
**Chair**

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg | We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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