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National Assembly for Wales

Children, Young People and Education Committee

Julie Morgan AM

Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services

31 July 2019

Dear Julie,

The Children, Young People and Education Committee has agreed to undertake a short piece of work to consider the current position of Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) in Wales.

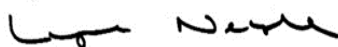
During our scrutiny of the Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill, the Welsh Government indicated that plans were underway to review the provision and structure of ECEC. As such, we are keen to consider developments in the area in more detail, and to follow-up on:

- the regulations and administrative scheme created by the Bill;
- our ongoing scrutiny of the Flying Start programme and also the outreach element, given their relevance to childcare.

We would like to invite you, as the Deputy Minister with lead responsibility in this area, to attend a public Committee meeting on 2 October to discuss ECEC further. To help inform our session, it would be helpful to receive a paper outlining developments in relation to ECEC and the integration of education and childcare, to include updates on the bullet points above. We would be grateful to receive this information by Wednesday 18 September

As the education provision within ECEC falls within the Minister for Education's responsibilities, we have also written to the Minister to provide an opportunity for her to participate in this work, to ensure that we have a full understanding of the Welsh Government's plans across cabinet portfolios. I attach that letter for your awareness.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair



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