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National Assembly for Wales
Children, Young People and Education Committee

Kirsty Williams AM
Minister for Education

24 July 2019

Dear Kirsty,

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.

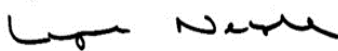
During our scrutiny of the Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill, the Welsh Government indicated that plans were underway to review the provision and structure of ECEC. As such, we are keen to consider developments in the area in more detail, and to follow-up on:

- the regulations and administrative scheme created by the Bill;
- our work in 2018 on Flying Start outreach services.

The Deputy Minister for Health has agreed to attend a meeting on 2 October to discuss ECEC further. As the education provision within ECEC falls within your ministerial responsibilities, we also wanted to provide an opportunity for you to participate in this work, to ensure that we have a full understanding of the Welsh Government's plans across cabinet portfolios. However, we are conscious that you will be attending committee on 18 and 26 September to contribute to other inquiries. As such, we would welcome a written update on the areas of ECEC for which you are responsible (or a joint paper from you and the Deputy Minister if that is preferable).

We would be grateful to receive this information by Wednesday 18 September.

Yours sincerely,



Lynne Neagle AM
Chair



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