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Dear Kirsty

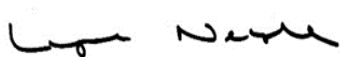
**Education Otherwise than at School**

As you may be aware, the Committee has this week launched an inquiry into Education Otherwise than at School. The Terms of reference for that inquiry are set out in Annex A to this letter.

The Committee's consultation will be open until 18 October, and oral evidence sessions will be scheduled for the Autumn term. We will, of course, be in touch with you in due course to arrange a date for you to provide evidence to the Committee.

At this time, and as we begin our consideration of this matter, the Committee would be grateful if you would provide an update on the implementation of the proposed actions, as set out in the Annex of the EOTAS Framework for Action that was published in December 2017.

Yours sincerely



**Lynne Neagle AC / AM**  
**Cadeirydd / Chair**



## Annex A: Terms of Reference

The Children, Young People and Education Committee are undertaking an inquiry into the range of Education Otherwise than at School (EOTAS) provision including Pupil Referral Units. It will focus specifically on the:

- Reasons for and support available for children and young people at risk of EOTAS, including through their exclusion from mainstream provision
- How effectively parents are engaged and supported throughout the EOTAS process
- The variation in rates of EOTAS for children and young people with particular characteristics (such as learners with special educational needs or who are eligible for free school meals) and the consequences of this
- The levels of financial support available to support EOTAS and children and young people at risk of becoming EOTAS and whether this represents value for money
- Responsibility and accountability for the education of pupils who become EOTAS
- Attainment of children and young people EOTAS
- Outcomes and wellbeing of children and young people EOTAS
- The quality of support provided to children and young people in the range of EOTAS provision
- Professional development support for Pupil Referral Unit staff, including those who provide home tuition
- The potential risks for children and young people EOTAS such as increased barriers to accessing mental health support, increased risk of involvement with crime and the criminal justice system such as ‘county lines’.
- Other issues closely linked to EOTAS, for example managed moves, and the ‘off-rolling’ of pupils

The Committee’s inquiry will include individual home tuition but **will not** focus on the separate issue of elective home education.

