

Kirsty Williams AM
Minister for Education

19 November 2019

Dear Kirsty,

Elective home education

At our meeting on **14 November 2019**, the Children, Young People and Education Committee noted correspondence received by Members about the **Welsh Government's recent consultation on guidance on home education in Wales**.

In light of this correspondence, I write to:

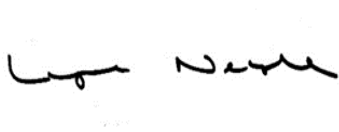
- seek clarification on the legal points raised about the basis on which proposed guidance could be made (relevant correspondence enclosed);
- request details of which (if any) Assembly procedure and/or consultation process the final versions of the following will be subject to, and associated timescales for each:
 - home education: statutory guidance for local authorities and handbook for home educators;
 - regulations that would require: local authorities to maintain and populate a database of children of compulsory school age in their area to help them identify children who are not known to them; local health boards to disclose to local authorities non-medical information to help the authority identify children in their area; and independent schools to disclose to a local authority information about learners at the independent school.

As you will be aware from the letters we have issued over the past year (listed in the annex to this letter), we have maintained an active interest in elective home education. As part of these exchanges, we have stated clearly our belief that action is needed to ensure that



children educated at home are seen and spoken to about the education they are receiving, and that they are happy, healthy and safe, and would like to reiterate these views at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynne Neagle', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lynne Neagle AM

Chair

Cc Children's Commissioner for Wales



ANNEX – CYPE correspondence relating to elective home education

- 09 November 2018 – Letter from the Children’s Commissioner for Wales to the First Minister – Home Education
- 20 November 2018 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Education to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales
- 26 November 2018 – Letter from the Chair to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales
- **12 December 2018 – Letter from the Children’s Commissioner for Wales to the Chair**
- 16 January 2019 – Letter from the Children’s Commissioner for Wales to the Chair
- 19 June 2019 – Letter from the Chair to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales
- 19 June 2019 – Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Education
- 05 July 2019 – Letter from the Children’s Commissioner for Wales to the Chair
- 11 July 2019 – Letter from the Minister for Education to the Chair

