Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter of 16 December in which you asked for an update in relation to the publication of high level information about asbestos management in schools.

My officials are currently finalising this information, with a view to making it available online early next year. This timescale will mean that they will be able to take account of any building works that have been completed during 2019 which have resulted in the removal of asbestos from school buildings.

In the meantime, I would also like to make you aware that we have published a revised Asbestos Management in Schools guidance document for Wales; this is available online at https://gov.wales/asbestos-management-schools. The guidance has been fully reviewed by key stakeholders in the asbestos field and by the Health and Safety Executive to ensure that advice and information provided about all aspects of asbestos management in schools is compliant with regulations.

I have also instructed my officials to review this guidance on a regular basis with key stakeholders so that it remains current and relevant.

Yours sincerely

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