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Mick Antoniwi, MS  
Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee  
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15 July 2020

Dear Mick

Thank you for your letter of 8 July regarding the notice I issued to disapply the basic curriculum and associated assessment arrangements.

I am grateful to you for you drawing the discrepancy in dates between the notice and accompanying written statement to my attention. I can confirm that the operative date in respect of which the notices applies is 30 days from 24 June (i.e. ending on 23 July) and that the dates set out in the written statement are incorrect. I apologise for this oversight and any inconvenience it may have caused, this was due to an administrative error.

You have queried whether this discrepancy may cause any confusion for schools and settings and if so whether any clarification needs to be issued. Whilst the error is unfortunate, given that the notice was planned to coincide with the end of the summer term for the majority of schools and settings, I do not believe a clarification is required.

Regarding my intentions to issue any further notices, as you will be aware the Coronavirus Act 2020 requires any notice that is issued to set out why any modification or disapplication is an appropriate and proportionate action in all the circumstances relating to the incidence or transmission of coronavirus. As such over the summer I will consider the public health situation and the likely operating arrangements for schools and settings in the autumn to determine whether any further legislative adaptation is required.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

As the context is likely to be different, both in terms of the public health environment and it being the start of a new academic year, if any further notices are required they may differ in content to those issued this term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Williams', written in a cursive style.

**Kirsty Williams AS/MS**

Y Gweinidog Addysg  
Minister for Education