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**Minister for Education and Skills**



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Dear William

Thank you for your further letter enclosing one from Mr Phillip Worth about his petition in favour of making all primary schools in Wales teach through the medium of Welsh, together with copies of correspondence from UCAC and the NUT.

As all the parties, including Mr Worth, appear to acknowledge, there are practical challenges involved in achieving the aim of the petition. As I indicated in my earlier response, our Welsh-medium Education Strategy goes some way towards addressing that aim, particularly in terms of improving the planning and delivery of Welsh-medium provision. Mr Worth is understandably concerned that Welsh-medium education is not easily accessible where he lives – and the statutory Welsh in Education Strategic Plans arrangements which we have introduced will help address this point over time – but at the same time he appears prepared to countenance a situation in which parents who would prefer an English-medium education have equal difficulty in accessing the provision of their choice or, indeed, be denied it entirely.

In the circumstances, I have nothing to add to my earlier reply other than to repeat my view that it is inappropriate to agree to this petition.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Huw Lewis'.

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