

To: Janet Finch  
Saunders, AM

Chair of the Petitions  
Committee

Via email only

03 October 2019

Dear Chair,

In June 2019 I wrote to the Committee in respect of petition P-05-877 Children's used uniform scheme. I had published my *A Charter for Change* report and advised that I would be launching a special mission for my ambassador schools in relation to the cost of the school day, including a focus on school uniform reuse schemes.

That mission has now been launched and can be accessed here - <https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/our-schemes/primary/special-mission/>

The mission challenges the ambassadors to consider the cost of the school day in their own school and work with school governors and staff to reduce costs. We include resources on establishing uniform reuse schemes, with pre-prepared lessons linking the production of uniforms to environmental considerations. We highlight Top Tips from those running such schemes already. The resources, which are adapted for different age groups and accessible for those with additional needs, were developed alongside children and teachers and are based on our original research which led to our Charter for Change report in March 2019. They are also freely available for all schools and are not only open to our ambassador schools.

I noted with interest a question raised by Jane Bryant in the Siambwr last week to the Minister for Education, regarding the recycling of school uniforms and the Government's support for such schemes. In light of that question I have also written to the Minister for Education to share the resources with her and ask that the department support the publicity for these resources on their social media channels. They fit well with the ambitions of the new curriculum as well as, it goes without saying, children's rights.

Yours sincerely,



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