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Letter to FE schools and colleges in Wales

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Dear colleagues,

As we approach half term, we'd like to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves and thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your tireless work for our learners, our communities and our country.

It is a real privilege to serve as the Cabinet Minister for Education and the Welsh Language and as Deputy Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education. We know it's your work, every day, that makes a real difference in our classrooms. This is why this is the first letter we have written in our new Ministerial roles.

Both of us have worked in education, skills and public service for a long time. In fact, we've worked with many of you in the past and look forward to continuing those relationships – perhaps from the other side of the desk this time!

We want to ensure that our work as Government supports you, as a teacher, assistant, as lecturers and trainers, to focus on teaching.

The next four years will be challenging at times. We understand the pressures you face. That's why we want to develop a positive and constructive relationship with you.

We were elected on a manifesto that was clear about our focus in education, and we know that together we can achieve it.

- **Raising Standards** – through a clear mission to strengthen literacy and numeracy, ensuring that all learners have the opportunity to succeed.
- **Support the workforce** – by investing in recruitment and development, reducing unnecessary workloads, increasing flexibility and ensuring your voice is at the heart of decisions.
- **Supporting wellbeing, attendance and behaviour** – by working across services to create a co-connected approach that supports learners and their families.
- **Strengthening post-16 skills and education** – building stronger links between schools, colleges and employers, and ensuring that all pathways are valued.

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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.

- **To develop a learning nation** - by expanding Welsh-medium education across all sectors and ensuring equity and opportunities for all.

We will do things differently - by working with you and in line with the First Minister's 100-day plan. We will be contacting you before the end of the summer term to outline our new Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Plan.

We will listen, engage and collaborate, to ensure that our decisions make a real difference.

We look forward to working with you and hope that you will have the opportunity to rest a little over half term – or that we will have the opportunity for a chat at Eisteddfod yr Urdd!

We, like you, strongly believe that education can transform lives, and we'll work together to succeed.

Yours sincerely,



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