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Dear Jayne,

Thank you for your letter of 31 March in relation to Elective Home Education (EHE).

In September 2021, I agreed to progress the current arrangements in principle, as a proportionate measure, in line with the commitment of the previous Government. Since then work has progressed on all fronts including the new statutory guidance, a wider package of support and the database regulations.

In October 2021, a summary and analysis of the responses to the second consultation (the database regulations) was published on the Welsh Government website.

Having reviewed the work previously undertaken on the EHE proposals, my officials sought further evidence last autumn in support of the proposals from both internal and external sources. One element of this work remains outstanding, relating to the benchmarking of the data sharing process between agencies.

The unforeseen delay in receiving this evidence may result in the proposals being brought before the Senedd in September rather than June as was intended. However, it is not expected to impact on the timescale for the implementation of the proposals in April 2023.

My officials continue to work closely with our stakeholders on developing the wider package of support to EHE families that will increase educational opportunities for EHE children, enhance their learning and encourage greater access to universal services. Working groups have been convened to this effect. I am also due to meet representatives of families of home educated children on 18 May, to hear at first hand the issues they face in providing effective home education and how we can support them in their choice.

Officials have also met with Careers Wales to identify how, as part of the wider package of support, the designated EHE coordinator role can provide a consistent service offer to EHE young people across Wales and help tackle the aspiration gap.

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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.

In April 2022, an Educational Professional Adviser joined Welsh Government on secondment from Monmouthshire County Council, with a remit to support the continued development and implementation of the proposals.

I hope that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Miles', with a stylized, cursive script.

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