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Dear Llywydd,

I have reviewed my exchange with the leader of the Welsh Conservatives during First Minister's Questions yesterday (7 November) and I would like to clarify that I have WhatsApp downloaded on my Senedd-issued mobile phone. I do not use it regularly to send messages. I would appreciate it if the Record could be amended on this particular point.

I reiterate that the Welsh Government did not use informal means of communication to make decisions during the pandemic, in sharp contrast to the evidence the UK Covid-19 inquiry has taken in recent weeks.

We continue to co-operate fully with the UK Covid-19 inquiry and will disclose all material requested, including WhatsApp messages.

I am copying this letter to Andrew RT Davies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford".

MARK DRAKEFORD