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Dear James,

Thank you for your recent written question which asked, 'Will the Minister provide an update on the status of additional learning needs in the Welsh language?' My response is set out in this letter.

Welsh-medium education is for all and I do not want any child to be left behind, which is why we have made sure that the planning of Welsh-medium additional learning needs (ALN) provision forms a key part of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans (WESPs). The WESPs set out how local authorities intend to support growth so that more learners, including those with ALN, have the chance to be bilingual in Welsh and English by the time they leave school.

A bilingual system is one of the key aims of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act. The ALN Act and ALN Code for Wales require consideration of whether a child or young person with ALN requires additional learning provision in Welsh and places strategic duties on local authorities to consider the sufficiency of additional learning provision made in Welsh.

We recognise that there is more to be done to develop Welsh language resources for learners with ALN. Through developments such as the establishment of the new bilingual educational resources company called 'Adnodd', we aim to boost Welsh-medium resources to support the teaching and learning of the Curriculum for Wales and identify and commission resources to better support ALN learners.

Yours sincerely,

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