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Dear Jason,

Thank you for your recent written questions asking what action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure consistent holiday childcare provision across all local authorities and will the Welsh Government expand funded or subsidised holiday childcare provision to cover the full six-week summer break?

This Welsh Government recognises the importance of accessible holiday childcare in supporting children's wellbeing and helping parents to work, train or study.

Local authorities have the statutory duty to assess the demand for, and availability of, childcare in their areas through taking forward Childcare Sufficiency Assessments and annual action plans. These must consider gaps in provision, including during school holidays, and the needs of different families and communities.

To support a more consistent approach, we provide funding to local authorities through the Children and Communities Grant to help address sufficiency gaps identified locally, including during holiday times. In addition, £1m funding is allocated annually to the Playworks Holiday Project to increase inclusive play opportunities during weekends and school holidays, including access to healthy food and snacks.

The current Childcare Offer for Wales also supports eligible families with up to 30 hours of early education and funded childcare for three- and four-year-olds whose parents are working, in education or training. This includes flexible holiday provision for nine school holiday weeks each year, meaning support is available for up to 48 weeks annually.

The Government is committed to developing a transformational childcare offer. At full expansion, every child aged nine months to four years will be entitled to 20 hours of funded childcare each week, for 48 weeks a year, alongside maintaining the existing 30-hour offer for eligible three- and four-year-olds.

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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.

We are also supporting the wider childcare and playwork sector through annual funding to the Cwlwm consortium, which includes Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs, who helps to develop out-of-school and holiday childcare.

Yours sincerely,
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "S.A. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a period at the end.

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