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Dear Bill

Thank you for your letter of 4 June, regarding Petition P-04-643 "Save Croeserw Flying Start", addressed to Huw Lewis AM, Minister for Education and Skills. I am replying as Flying Start falls within my Ministerial portfolio.

I am aware of the issue and concerns raised in the petition. These were also raised in the Children, Young People and Education Committee by David Rees AM on 2 June and in Plenary by Bethan Jenkins AM on 3 June. I will be writing shortly to these members. I have recently also responded to similar correspondence from Peter Black AM.

Action for Children are currently contracted to deliver the "childcare" element of the Flying Start programme in Croeserw. They have given notice terminating their contract with the Council. This decision means there may be temporary disruption to the childcare element of Flying Start whilst the Council makes alternative arrangements. The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ali Thomas, has assured the residents of Croeserw the Council will do their best to minimise the disruption.

Whilst childcare provision may be affected, all other aspects of Flying Start will continue as normal. This includes the Flying Start health visiting service, parenting classes/groups, baby massage, parent and toddler groups, speech and language services, and midwifery.

Regards
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