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Dear Alun,

I have received concerns from a constituent in my capacity as the Assembly Member for Brecon and Radnorshire. My constituent has raised the following concerns with me, which I would welcome hearing from you on.

“Last week the English language medium was removed for children at Ysgol Llangennech, Carmarthenshire. This removal of choice has concerned me, after all, parents else-where have the choice of Welsh medium education.

My main concern however, is the impact upon the life chances of all the children involved. I accept that many high- and medium-functioning children can benefit from growing up in a bilingual environment, but is there evidence that all children benefit? Surely, those children from English-speaking families, who have problems with language development, would be educational and developmental inhibited by being placed into Welsh medium schools. Has research been carried out to establish whether some children loose out and fall behind? Is life-long damage caused to their life chances.”

I welcome your response on this matter in due course.

Yours sincerely

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