

NEWYDDLEN ADDYSG COVID-19 EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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Briff Addysg Coronafeirws Mai 4, 2020

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Gweinidog Cysgodol Plaid Cymru dros Addysg.

Sut i godi materion?

Fel Gweinidog Cabinet yr Wrthblaid dros Addysg, mae Siân Gwenllïan yn cael cyfarfodydd briffio wythnosol gyda Kirsty Williams. Mae hwn yn gyfle i ddysgu am ddatblygiadau'r llywodraeth, ac i godi materion a gofyn cwestiynau i'r Gweinidog.

Rhowch wybod i Siân os hoffech iddi godi unrhyw faterion gyda'r Llywodraeth. Helen Mary Jones sy'n gyfrifol am addysg ôl-16 (tra bo Bethan Sayed ar absenoldeb mamolaeth) ond gall Siân hefyd godi materion o'r sector hwn â'r Gweinidog.

Materion allweddol – beth rydyn ni wedi bod yn ei wneud.

1. Ail Agor Ysgolion

Er nad yw'r Gweinidog Addysg Kirsty Williams wedi rhoi unrhyw bendantrwydd dros ail-agor ysgolion, daeth cyhoeddiad gan y Prif Weinidog Mark Drakeford dros y penwythnos y gallai ysgolion ail-agor mor fuan a Mehefin.

Mae hwn yn gyhoeddiad dryslyd o ystyried datganiadau blaenorol. Mae Siân wedi galw am eglurder i ddatrys y dryswch a ddaeth o'r datganiad.

2. Wythnos diwethaf yn y Senedd

Rhoddodd ddatganiad addysg gan y Gweinidog Addysg gyfle i Siân godi nifer o faterion o bryder, gan gynnwys diogelwch a phrofi o fewn ysgolion, plant bregus ac ymarferoldeb dysgu. Fe all trawsgrifiad y Cyfarfod Llawn gael ei weld yma, a'r linc fideo i'w weld yma, o 2 awr 48 munud.

Yn dilyn cwestiynu gan Siân ym Mhwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg fe ddatgelwyd mai dim ond 15 o athrawon sydd wedi cael eu profi yng Nghymru hyd yma. Mae trawsgrifiad y Pwyllgor ar gael yma, ac fe ellir gwylio fideo o'r sesiwn yma, o 19 munud.

3. Cyfarfod gyda Gweinidog Addysg yr Alban

Wythnos diwethaf cafodd Siân gyfarfod buddiol iawn gyda Gweinidog Addysg yr Alban, John Swinne gan ddysgu mwy am ddull Llywodraeth yr Alban o ddelio ag addysg yn ystod argyfwng coronafeirws, ac i adeiladu a chryfhau perthynas gydag ein cynghreiriaid SNP.

Fe all nodiadau o'r cyfarfod gael eu gweld [yma](#).

4. Y Sector Gofal Plant

O achos pryderon parhaus sy'n wynebu'r sector gofal plant mae Siân wedi ysgrifennu i'r Dirprwy Weinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Julie Morgan i ofyn am becyn o gefnogaeth penodol.

Fe all y llythyr gael ei weld [yma](#).

5. Athrawon Llanw

Mae Siân hefyd wedi ysgrifennu i'r Gweinidog Addysg, Kirsty Williams, gan fod statws cyflogaeth rhai athrawon llanw dal yn ansicr, gan adael nifer yn y proffesiwn heb gymorth.

Fe all y llythyr gael ei weld [yma](#).

6. Gwahaniaethau Digidol

Mae galwadau Plaid Cymru i roi laptops am ddim i ddisgyblion, gan bwysleisio'r effaith gaiff hyn ar y bwlch cyrhaeddiad, wedi cael llwyddiant wrth i Lywodraeth Cymru gyhoeddi wythnos diwethaf y bydd disgyblion ysgolion Cymru sydd heb ddyfeisiau sydd â chyswllt i'r we yn derbyn cluniaduron wedi eu hadnewyddu yn sgil cynllun gwerth £3m.

Gellir gweld y stori newyddion [yma](#).

7. Addysg Bellach

Cafodd Delyth Jewell gyfle i ofyn cwestiynau ar ddilyniant dysgu a iechyd meddwl i'r Gweinidog Addysg yn ystod Cyfarfod Llawn yr wythnos diwethaf.

Mae'r trawsgrifiad [yma](#), ac fe all fideo o'r cyfarfod gael ei weld [yma](#), 3 awr ac 11 munud i mewn.

8. Addysg Uwch

Gofynnodd Delyth Jewell gwestiynau ar ddyfodol y sector addysg uwch hefyd, a'r effaith economaidd y byddai'r coronafeirws yn ei gael ar Brifysgolion Cymru.

Fe all y trawsgrifiad a lincs y cyfarfod cael eu defnyddio o'r uchod.

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Coronavirus Education Briefing May 4, 2020

Siân Gwenllian MS

Plaid Cymru Shadow Minister for Education.

How to raise issues?

As Shadow Cabinet Minister for Education, Siân Gwenllian has weekly briefings with Kirsty Williams. This is an opportunity to learn about government developments, and to raise matters and ask questions of the Minister.

Please let Siân know if there are any issues you would like Siân to raise with Government. Helen Mary Jones has responsibility for post-16 education (whilst Bethan Sayed is on maternity leave) but Siân can also raise issues from this sector with the Minister.

Key issues – what have we been doing

1. Re-Opening Schools

Although the Education Minister has given no certainty as to when schools will re-open, First Minister Mark Drakeford stated over the weekend that schools could re-open as soon as June.

This is a confusing statement considering past statements. Siân has called for clarity to resolve the confusion stemming from the statement.

2. Last week in the Senedd

An education statement by the Education Minister gave Siân the opportunity to raise many areas of concern, including safety and testing within schools, vulnerable children and teaching practicalities

The plenary transcript can be viewed [here](#), and the video link to plenary can be viewed [here](#), from 2 hours 48 minutes.

Following questioning by Siân in the Children, Young People and Education Committee it was revealed that only 15 teachers have been tested in Wales so far. The committee transcript can be read [here](#), and the video session watched [here](#), from 19 minutes.

3. A meeting with the Scottish Education Minister

Last week Siân had a very useful meeting with the Scottish Education Minister John Swinney, aimed at learning more about the Scottish Government's approach to education during the coronavirus lockdown, and to build and strengthen relationships with SNP counterparts.

Notes from the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

4. The Childcare Sector

Due to ongoing concerns facing the childcare sector Siân has written to the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services Julie Morgan to ask for a package of support to be delivered.

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6. Digital disparity

Plaid Cymru's calls to provide pupils with free laptops, highlighting the affect this has on the attainment gap, has been met with partial success as the Welsh Government announced last week that Welsh school pupils who do not have their own internet-connected devices will be provided with refurbished school laptops under a new £3m scheme.

See the BBC story [here](#).

7. Further Education

Delyth Jewell had an opportunity to ask questions on continuity of learning and mental health to the Education Minister during last week's plenary.

The transcript can be read [here](#), and the meeting video viewed [here](#) at 3 hours and 11 minutes.

8. Higher Education

Delyth Jewell also asked questions about the future of the higher education sector, and the economic impact the coronavirus will have on our Welsh Universities.

The transcript and meeting links can be used as above.