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Dear Phil,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Wales Council for Outdoor Learning. I am delighted to note your kind words of welcome and Wales Council for Outdoor Learning's commitment to building on the progressive relationship developed with my department.

I am aware of the discussions and the support developed over this difficult period. Like my predecessor, I recognise and am grateful for the hard work and resilience of the sector throughout the pandemic to ensure education and residential centres remain ready to welcome children and young people to outdoor learning and activities once again.

I am determined to prioritise the needs of our children and young people and to giving full and careful consideration to their rights. I fully understand how important outdoor experiences are for our children and young people, and how they can play a particularly important role in learning and in our recovery journey. We are all very aware of the impacts on physical, mental and emotional health and fully agree that access to outdoor spaces and opportunities to engage in a range of different activities are critical to supporting the wellbeing of all of us, and children and young people in particular. The outdoors will, we hope, also play a key role in realising the ambitions of our new curriculum.

Thank you once again for contacting me. I look forward to working your organisation in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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