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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your Written Question, reference WQ90236, tabled on 14 December. A holding response was provided on 22 December by the then Minister for Climate Change. The question has subsequently been transferred to my portfolio and I am writing to update you on the educational programmes and initiatives that are in place to educate children and young people about climate change.

Learning about climate change is mandatory in the Curriculum for Wales. The statements of what matters for the Humanities and Science and Technology Areas of Learning and Experience include explicit references to climate and the environment and apply to learners throughout their time in school.

The Welsh Government funds Eco Schools and Size of Wales who work with schools and young people to raise awareness about climate change and the importance of protecting the natural world and tropical forests, and to empower them to make positive environmental changes to their school and wider community. Size of Wales also runs Youth COPs and continue to involve young people from across Wales to understand the COP process.

Over 300,000 children and young people have been engaged via these programmes, empowering them to drive change, improve their environmental awareness, take action and learn about the climate and biodiversity emergency and the importance of forests and protecting our ecosystems.

Yours sincerely

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