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Dear Cabinet Minister for Education and the Welsh Language,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Member of the Senedd for Clwyd. Following the announcement on 1 July 2026 that Ruthin School would cease operating from 3 July 2026 and enter administration, leaving pupils, parents, staff and the wider community facing considerable uncertainty.

I have been contacted by a number of constituents, including former members of staff, who have raised concerns both about the sudden nature of the closure and the circumstances leading up to it.

I would be grateful if you could clarify:

- What notice, if any, was provided to Welsh Government, Estyn, staff, pupils and parents prior to the closure announcement.
- Whether Welsh Government had been made aware of concerns regarding the school's financial position before the announcement.
- What engagement took place between Welsh Government officials and the school's proprietors in the period leading up to the closure.
- What support is being made available to affected pupils and families as they seek alternative educational provision.
- What support is available for staff who have lost their employment as a result of the closure.

Constituents have also drawn my attention to information filed at Companies House indicating that a legal charge was registered against company assets on 29 June 2026, just days before the closure announcement.

I would therefore be grateful if you could confirm:

- Whether Welsh Government was aware of the creation of this charge.



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- Whether any concerns regarding the school's financial arrangements, assets or liabilities had previously been raised with Welsh Government.
- Whether Welsh Government is aware of concerns being expressed by former staff, parents and other stakeholders regarding the management of the school's assets prior to the closure.
- Whether any discussions have taken place with the administrators, Insolvency Service or other relevant authorities regarding these concerns.

A number of constituents have also raised questions regarding fee payments, redundancy arrangements, creditor claims and the wider impact on the local economy. Given the scale of public concern surrounding this matter, I would welcome any information the Government can provide on the steps being taken to ensure appropriate scrutiny and support for those affected.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



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