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Annwyl Llyr,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 July in relation to the closure of Ruthin School.

I recognise that the closure of an independent school can be deeply unsettling for pupils, their families, staff and the wider community. Continuity of education and the welfare of all connected with the school should be central to any decisions taken by those responsible for the school.

Independent schools are privately managed and are not controlled or funded by the Welsh Government. Decisions about their operation, finances, future viability and estates are therefore matters for their proprietors.

The Welsh Government was not aware of the closure until it was reported in the media on 1 July and had had no engagement with the proprietors in respect of the school's financial arrangements, assets or liabilities.

The [Welsh Independent Schools Council](#) may be able to assist parents wishing to find an alternative independent school. Families affected can also contact their local authority, which is responsible for identifying alternative placements, planning sufficient maintained school places, considering individual learner needs, and managing any local impact on maintained schools.

We understand that FRP Advisory Trading Limited has been appointed as Administrators of Ruthin Education Limited. Welsh Government has not had any discussions with the administrators or Insolvency Service.

Yn gywir,



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