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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 24 July about petitions in relation to collective worship.

On balance there is clear strength of feeling both for and against maintaining collective worship. In order for me to give these matters my full consideration, I will respond to your questions in early September before the next scheduled Petitions Committee meeting. This will include my consideration of whether the Welsh Government will contemplate reviewing the law and guidelines surrounding collective worship, and whether the collective worship requirement placed on schools breaches human rights law.

I have previously stated that with curriculum reform being a driving focus for schools in Wales, it would not be appropriate to review collective worship until the new curriculum has been established. However, I will consider this position before replying to you in September.

Yours sincerely

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