**Annwyl Bennaeth**

**Ynghylch: Gwahoddiad gan Gomisiynydd Plant Cymru**

Fy mhrif nod fel Comisiynydd Plant Cymru yw diogelu a hybu hawliau a lles plant. Elfen ganolog wrth wireddu’r nod yma yw fy llysgenhadon – menter rydd sy’n grymuso disgyblion i fod yn llysgenhadon drosof fi yn eu hysgolion.

Mae fy nghynllun ‘Llysgenhadon Gwych’ eisoes wedi ymsefydlu mewn ysgolion cynradd ledled Cymru ac mae gennym raglen gref o Lysgenhadon Cymunedol sy’n rhoi cyngor i mi ar fy ngwaith yng nghyswllt tlodi plant. Yn dilyn peilot llwyddiannus yn 2015, rwy’n ysgrifennu i wahodd eich ysgol i ymuno â’m Cynllun newydd sbon ar gyfer Llysgenhadon Ysgol Uwchradd yn 2016/2017.

**Pam dylech chi ymuno?**

* CCUHP (Confensiwn y Cenhedloedd Unedig ar Hawliau’r Plentyn) yw sylfaen gweledigaeth Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer plant a phobl ifanc. Mae llawer o bobl ifanc wedi dweud wrthyf fi eu bod nhw ddim yn teimlo iddyn nhw ddysgu digon am eu hawliau dynol yn yr ysgol. Mae’r cynllun yma’n helpu disgyblion i ddeall y cytuniad hawliau dynol rhyngwladol hwn, a fydd yn eu galluogi i’w cadw eu hunain yn ddiogel a dod yn ddinasyddion gweithredol yn ein cymunedau.
* Gwrando ar ddysgwyr i helpu i wella ansawdd y dysgu a llesiant disgyblion yw dwy o nodweddion Fframwaith Arolygu Cyffredin Estyn. Mae’r cynllun hwn yn rhoi pwyslais mawr ar lais y disgybl, a dylai ategu gwaith cynghorau ysgol. Mae hefyd yn ffordd ddelfrydol o gefnogi datblygiad personol a chymdeithasol a llesiant ar draws y cwricwlwm.
* Bydd gwybodaeth a gasglwyd gan ddisgyblion sy’n rhan o’r cynllun yma yn bwydo i waith fy swyddfa ac yn llywio fy nghyfraniad at drafodaethau cenedlaethol ar faterion sy’n effeithio ar blant a phobl ifanc.
* Mae’r cynllun yn hyrwyddo ein gwasanaeth Ymchwiliadau a Chyngor rhad ac am ddim ac annibynnol, sydd yno i blant a phobl ifanc a’u heiriolwyr os ydyn nhw’n teimlo na allant fynd i rywle arall gyda’u problem.

**Sut mae’r cynllun yn gweithio?**

Mae isafswm o ddau disgybl ym mhob ysgol yn cael eu hethol gan eu cyfoedion i arwain y gwaith o hyrwyddo CCUHP a rôl y Comisiynydd Plant i eraill yn yr ysgol. Nid yw’r cynllun yn pennu’n union sut mae ysgolion i wneud hyn; mae rhai ysgolion mawr yn ethol Llysgenhadon ar gyfer pob grŵp blwyddyn, tra bod eraill yn cysylltu ein cynllun ni â gwaith sydd eisoes yn digwydd ar hybu hawliau a iechyd.

Mae hefyd yn ofynnol bod Llysgenhadon Uwchradd yn cwblhau tasgau arbennig unwaith y tymor, ac yn casglu barn eu cyfoedion ar ystod eang o faterion er mwyn i’w barn fedru llywio fy ngwaith. Dylai’r Llysgenhadon gael eu cefnogi gan athro cyswllt – y Cydlynydd ABCh presennol o bosib, neu’r Cydlynydd Ysgolion Iach neu athro cyswllt Cyngor yr Ysgol – a fydd yn brif bwynt cyswllt ac a fydd yn derbyn gwybodaeth i’w throsglwyddo i’ch Llysgenhadon bob tymor.

Rydyn ni’n gofyn bod rhaid i bob athro cyswllt ymrwymo i gefnogi’r bobl ifanc i gyrchu gwybodaeth a llenwi gwerthusiad byr ym mis Gorffennaf 2017, gyda’r nod o grisialu’r gwaith mae eich Llysgenhadon wedi ymwneud ag ef i hyrwyddo hawliau plant ac ymgysylltu â’r tair tasg. Byddwn ni’n ymdrechu i arddangos arfer da mewn ysgolion, a gallwn ddefnyddio gwybodaeth a gawn gennych i wneud hynny yn ein hadroddiadau, ar ein gwefan ac ar draws ein llwyfannau cyfryngau cymdeithasol. Bydd pob Llysgennad Ysgol yn derbyn tystysgrif o ddiolch gennyf fi ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn ysgol.

**Beth nesa?**

Os oes gennych chi ddiddordeb mewn cofrestru eich ysgol am ddim, gofynnwch i athro cyswllt ymuno ar ein gwefan [www.complantcymru.org.uk](http://www.complantcymru.org.uk) nawr i dderbyn pecyn ymuno a fydd yn cynnwys gwybodaeth, bathodynnau a phosteri hawliau dwyieithog.

Fy uchelgais i yw Cymru lle mae pob plentyn a pherson ifanc yn cael cyfle cyfartal i fod y gorau gallan nhw fod. Er fy mod i’n deall y gwahanol bwysau sy’n gwrthdaro ar ysgolion a disgyblion, carwn eich annog i ystyried o ddifri dderbyn y gwahoddiad hwn i roi cyfle gwirioneddol i’ch disgyblion ddod yn arweinyddion gweithredol o ran hybu hawliau plant yng nghymuned eich ysgol, a chyfle gwirioneddol i wireddu dyhead rwy’n sicr ein bod yn ei rannu ar gyfer ein plant a’n pobl ifanc.

Os bydd gennych chi gwestiynau pellach, mae croeso i chi gysylltu â’m tîm ar 01792 765 600.

**Yn gywir**

**Sally Holland**

**Dear Head Teacher**

**Re: An invitation from the Children’s Commissioner for Wales**

My principal aim as Children’s Commissioner for Wales is to safeguard and promote the rights and welfare of children. Playing a central role in the delivery of this aim are my ambassadors – a free initiative that empowers pupils to become ambassadors for me in their schools.

My ‘Super Ambassador’ scheme is already established in primary schools across Wales and we have a strong programme of Community Ambassadors who advise me on my work in relation to child poverty. Following a successful pilot in 2015, I am writing to invite your school to sign up to my brand new Student Ambassadors scheme for 2016/2017.

**Why should you join?**

* Underpinning the Welsh Government’s vision for children and young people is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Many young people have commented to me that they don’t think they have learned enough about their human rights in schools. This scheme provides pupils with an understanding of this international human rights treaty, which will enable them to keep themselves safe and become active citizens within our communities.
* Listening to learners to help improve quality of learning and wellbeing of pupils are two features of Estyn’s Common Inspection Framework. This scheme places great emphasis on pupil voice and should complement the work of school councils. It also provides the ideal way to support personal and social development and wellbeing across the curriculum.
* Information collated from pupils who form part of this scheme will feed into the work of my office and will inform my contribution to national debates on issues that affect children and young people.
* The scheme promotes our free and independentInvestigation and Advice service, which is there for children and young people and their advocates if they’ve got nowhere else to go with a problem.

**How does the scheme work?**

A minimum of two pupils per school are elected by their peers to take a lead role in promoting the UNCRC and the role of the Children’s Commissioner to others within the school. The scheme is not prescriptive of how schools engage; some large schools elect Ambassadors for each year group others link our scheme to existing work on promoting rights and health.

Student Ambassadors are also required to complete special missions once a term, gathering opinions from their peers on a wide range of issues so their views can inform my work. Ambassadors should be supported by a link teacher - who could be the existing PSE Co-ordinator, Healthy School Co-ordinator or School Council Link teacher - who will be the main point of contact and who will receive information to pass on to your Ambassadors termly.

We ask that all link teachers must commit to supporting the young people to access information and to fill in a short evaluation in July 2017, with the aim of capturing the work your Ambassadors have been involved in to promote children’s rights and to engage with the three missions. We will endeavour to showcase good practice within schools and may use information you provide in order to do this in our reports, on our website and across our social media platforms. All School Ambassadors will receive a certificate of thanks from myself at the end of the school year.

**What next?**

If you are interest in registering your school for free, please ask a link teacher to sign up on our website [www.childcomwales.org.uk](http://www.childcomwales.org.uk) now to receive a joining pack which includes information, badges and bilingual rights posters.

I aspire to a Wales where all children and young people have an equal chance to be the best that they can be. Whilst I understand the conflicting pressures on schools and pupils, I would encourage you to seriously consider accepting this invitation of giving your pupils a real opportunity to become active leaders in promoting children and young people’s human rights in your school community and a real opportunity of realising what I’m sure is a shared aspiration for our children and young people.

If you have any further queries please to do not hesitate to contact my team on 01792765600.

**Yours faithfully**

**Sally Holland**