



**Welsh Affairs
Committee**

Thursday, 12 February 2026

**Councillor Mary Ann Brocklesby
Council Leader
Monmouthshire County Council**

Dear Ms Brocklesby,

The UK Parliament Welsh Affairs Committee, which I Chair, is looking at the issue of cross-border education between England and Wales, for children aged 5 to 18.

Students may cross the border to access education for a number of reasons, from convenience to family or cultural ties, to experience the Welsh language or to attend a school most suitable to their goals. Although education is devolved to the Senedd, cross-border education is a more complex issue. I would therefore like to invite Monmouthshire County Council to provide written evidence to the Welsh Affairs Committee on the topic of cross-border education. The Committee would like to understand Monmouthshire County Council's views on what the most prominent issues are on cross-border education, including, but not limited to, views on cross-border transport, ALN and SEN(D), and the Welsh language.

I want to thank you for your cooperation with the Committee as we undertake looking at the complex issue of cross-border education. I will also be writing to the three other Welsh border local authorities and would appreciate a response by 13 March.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Jones MP
Chair of the Welsh Affairs Committee