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Dear Father

Amidst the turmoil being caused to normal life by the spread of the COVID 19 pandemic, it is important to note that our schools and the education of our children are being profoundly affected not just by closures but also by the postponement of examinations.

Equally challenging, though overwhelmed by the current situation, is the Bill on curriculum with regard to the teaching of Religious Education and Sex and Relationship Education being championed by Welsh Government. If this Bill becomes law, it will have a profound effect on our ability to provide Catholic Education and therefore, ultimately, on the nature and purpose of our Catholic schools. The next three months provide the final opportunity to demand amendments to this Bill. The Catholic Bishops of Wales, the Catholic Education Service Welsh Department and Diocesan Education officials are working hard to challenge some of the proposals being made to the curriculum.

It is now up to priests, parishes, headteachers, governors and parents to make their voices heard. Once this opportunity passes, it will be too late.

Hence the article attached should be made available for distribution in parish newsletters, websites, school bulletins and direct mailshots to parents.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads '+George Stack'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Rev George Stack – Archbishop of Cardiff
& Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Menevia