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Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

BY EMAIL

8th October 2025

Dear Minister

Parishes and Government Review Panel – Learning about the parish system in Schools

I'm writing in relation to the Parishes and Government Review to request information regarding how the parish system is currently taught in primary and secondary schools, and to explore whether there are any opportunities to strengthen young people's understanding of the parish system.

As part of our review of parish functions, the Panel has identified education about the parish system as an important element in fostering civic awareness and participation in local democracy – particularly attendance at Parish Assemblies.

In light of this, the Panel would be grateful if you could provide:

1. **Current curriculum provision** - An outline of what education is currently provided in primary and secondary schools about the parish system, local governance, and community participation, including at which stages pupils are introduced to these concepts, if at all.
2. **Curriculum development** - Information on any plans to review or enhance teaching about the parish system, including practical learning experiences such as visits to parish halls or engagement with parish officials.
3. **Resources and support** - Details of teaching resources or partnerships available to schools to support learning about parishes, and what opportunities there are for collaboration with parishes.

The Panel would also welcome your reflections on the role and relevance of the parish system today. In particular, we are interested in your views on how schools and the wider education system can support young people to understand and engage with their parishes.

We would be grateful to receive your response by 30th October.

Yours sincerely

Deputy Helen Miles

Chair

Parishes and Government Review Panel