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## Education Children and Young People Committee

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**Via E-mail**

Dear Anne,

[PE1668: Improving literacy standards in schools through research informed reading instruction](#)

*Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to*

- i) provide national guidance, support, and professional learning for teachers in research-informed reading instruction, specifically systematic synthetic phonics;*
- ii) ensure teacher training institutions train new teachers in research-informed reading instruction, specifically systematic synthetic phonics.*

The Education and Skills Committee considered your petitioner on 4 May 2022. At that meeting, the Committee agreed to close your petition on the basis that it has no current plans to scrutinise initial training education.

In doing so, the Committee agreed that should it consider initial training education later in the parliamentary session, it would reflect on the issues raised in your petition as part of work.

The [Official Report](#) (a formal written record of what is said in public meetings) will be published by 6pm on Friday 6 May. A video recording of the meeting is available to view [online](#).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerr', with a stylized, wavy line extending from the end.

**Stephen Kerr MSP**  
**Convener**