

Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission 20th May 2020 Item 5 – COVID 19 response – Children and Young Peoples Services	Item No 5
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Context

The Commission requested Hackney Children and Families Service (CFS) and Hackney Learning Trust (HLT) were requested to provide a brief update as to how local services had responded to the COVID19 pandemic (attached). The Commission have also requested a verbal response to the questions set out below which focus on the ongoing support for vulnerable children in Hackney.

- a) How is the council continuing to maintain safeguarding oversight and support to vulnerable children (including those with SEND) across Hackney?
- b) How can the council and education partners ensure that the impact of school closures does not compound levels of educational disadvantage in Hackney? How are local schools ensuring that local children and young people continue to have access to educational resources, free school meals or other additional support they may need?
- c) How is the council ensuring that children and young people with SEND continue to have access to appropriate education resources, advice and support to meet their needs? How will young people with SEND be supported back into education settings once they are reopened?
- d) How are local children and young people services preparing for when lockdown restrictions are eased? In particular, what measures can be put in place to protect the health of children, families and staff in education settings as restrictions are eased?

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- Sarah Wright, Director, Children and Families Service
- Annie Gammon, Director of Education and Head of Hackney Learning Trust