

Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission 13th July 2020 Item 5 - Impact of Covid 19 on education and the attainment gap	Item No 5
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Outline

At the last meeting (15/6/20), the Commission agreed to focus this meeting's discussions on the impact of Covid 19 upon education, and the effect that school closures may have on widening the attainment gap and upon educational inequalities more broadly.

Objectives

- To assess the nature and extent that Covid 19 and school closures have impacted on young people's education and contributed to the widening attainment gap (and educational inequalities);
- Identify the challenges of extending in-school provision and the nature of support needed ahead of September 2020;
- Identify those priorities and strategies that can assist children to catch up on study programmes and counter growing educational inequalities.

The Commission has invited the following contributors to help explore the above:

- Dr Rebecca Montacute, Research & Policy Manager, The Sutton Trust
- Chris Brown, Principal, The Bridge Academy
- Richard Brown, Executive Head, Urswick Secondary School
- Jane Heffernan, Executive Head, Cardinal Pole Secondary School
- Annie Gammon, Director of Education and Head of Hackney Learning Trust
- Stephen Hall, Assistant Director, School Performance and Improvement,
- Anton Francic, Senior Secondary Adviser

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Background

[Covid 19 and the educational attainment gap](#) - House of Lords, 2020

[Covid 19 and Social Mobility Impact Brief #1 School Closures](#) Carl Cullinane & Rebecca Montacute, The Sutton Trust, 2020

[Covid 19 school shutdowns: What will they do to our children's education?](#) Andy Eyles, Stephen Gibbons & Piero Montebruno, Center for Economic Performance, London School of Economics

[Impact of school closures on the attainment gap](#) Rapid Evidence Assessment Education Endowment Foundation June 2020

[Coronavirus: £1 billion catch up fund](#) BBC On-line 19/6/20

[National Tutoring Programme - FAQ](#) Education Endowment Foundation

[Covid 19 Support for Schools](#) Education Endowment Foundation