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Dear Matt, Niki and Joy,

ACCELERATED PROGRESS PLAN FOLLOWING OFSTED AND CQC'S LOCAL AREA SEND REVISIT TO KINGSTON UPON HULL.

Thank you for your Accelerated Progress Plan (APP) that was submitted on 11 March. We emailed you on 1 April to let you know that, in light of the Covid-19 situation, the Department was deferring any requirement for amendments to APPs until further notice. Instead, your DfE adviser would continue to discuss your plans with you, and support you in delivering your SEND priorities, to ensure that vulnerable children would continue to receive as much support as possible during this challenging time.

We are aware that Elaine has been in regular contact, supporting you in further developing your plan, and attending SEND Board meetings. We are also in touch with Paul Moffatt, who has been feeding back to us about the support he has been providing, and Hull's progress in tackling its weaknesses.

With the expectation of a full return to school in September, we feel that the time is right to recommence work on APP development and delivery. In the most recent version of your APP (version 13), you have provided helpful and relevant information about the steps you will take to address the outstanding weaknesses. We are content that these are appropriate, and that they reflect sufficient pace.

As set out in the Ofsted framework, we now expect your final plan to be published locally so that parents, carers, children and young people can understand the actions you are taking. We would be grateful if you could now arrange for this to happen.

Hull's review meeting to assess progress against your action plan will take place in December. We will be in touch in September to agree a date and finalise arrangements, including confirming the evidence that we will want to see in advance of the meeting.

I am copying this letter to your DfE adviser (Elaine Baulcombe) NHS England Adviser (Wendy Barker) and DfE case lead (Sophie Jones).

Yours sincerely,

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