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Dear Parents, carers, children and young people

We want to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on the work we have been progressing since the Hull Local Area SEND revisit in October 2019, especially in response to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as offering our thanks for your continued support and engagement.

We know that the pandemic has changed every person's life over the past few months in ways we could never have imagined. We are aware that for children and young people with SEND and their families, this time has brought additional challenges including how you continue to access the crucial services and support that you need. This means working together to understand your experiences and issues and respond to those in the best way we can.

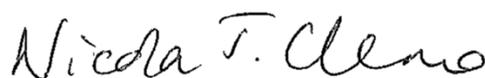
The Hull SEND Partnership meetings have been set up in response to the Covid-19 emergency situation. By listening to and understanding what matters to families right now, together we have been able to respond creatively to challenges and work in different ways to better support children and families. We understand that the principles of co-production and good communication has been fundamental to the success of this group and that the consensus is that there would be many benefits for this group to remain post Covid-19; we are fully supportive of this.

The SEND Strategic Board members continue to be committed in our response to the SEND revisit, further improving services and outcomes for our children and young people. Alongside oversight of the COVID-19 response we continue to drive forward progress against our improvement plan that is monitored by the Department for Education (DfE) and NHS England and Improvement (NHSE&I).

We hope that this letter has provided you with some assurance of the work of the Hull SEND Strategic Board and Hull SEND Partnership. We need to continue to hear of the experiences and views of all our children, young people, parents and carers to ensure we work together as we move forward with the easing of the Covid-19 lockdown measures and shape the future beyond.

Thank you once again for supporting and informing the way we have responded to you and your families' needs, this is our priority now and in the future. Stay safe and well.

Kind regards



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