

Dear Headteacher

Publication of the Ofsted Local Area revisit letter

You will remember that the SEND Local Area revisit took place in May this year. This was a follow up visit to the Ofsted/CQC Inspection in 2018. The disappointing findings will be published today on the Ofsted website, and I write to you to share the report and the Council's response, as detailed in the media release attached.

We fully accept the findings of the CQC/Ofsted re-inspection and realise that the service is not good enough. We have apologised to families in Birmingham that are affected and are very aware of the need for immediate improvement.

We are also very conscious of the effect that this had had on schools and apologise for the effect that the underperforming service has had on hard working teachers and their leaders. We want to support schools in delivering an outstanding SEND service and recognise that we are falling short of that now.

Transformation of the service is underway, but we know we still have a long way to go. We are planning to meet with schools, parents & carers and young people to continue the co-production work that is fundamental to delivering the service that our City deserves.

We will be announcing our next steps in the transformation of this service in more detail shortly. However, if you have any comments or questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

With best wishes



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