

School Response to Covid-19 Pandemic Scrutiny Review Action Plan

Recommendation		Cabinet Member's Comments	Rec Accepted by Executive?	Target Date for Action	Lead Officer	Committee Update
R1	That further consideration be given by Council officers to the implementation of measures to monitor and address the potential impact on mental health to both pupils and school staff as a result of the pandemic.	The mental health of our school community is a regular consideration at meetings in our governance structure, to include Blackpool Education Board, Renewing Education group (Covid return to school) and our weekly public health Q&A session. Relevant themes and issues are shared across the wider partnership to influence intervention support.	Yes	April 2021	Paul Turner	Pupil Attitude to School and Self Survey will be completed again in 2021/2022 school year. Wellbeing in Education training has been delivered and will be continued until at least March 2022. Meeting scheduled to plan for Mental Health First Aid training to be delivered to practitioners in our schools again over the summer term.

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R1 Continued						Meeting scheduled to discuss mental health support teams in schools.
R2	That the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee should continue to monitor academic performance and the impact of the pandemic on affected cohorts.	The every day business of monitoring achievement will continue.	Yes	April 2021	Paul Turner	No data is available, currently, due to the absence of statutory tests and assessments nationally. Summary "local" testing analysis will be presented in the autumn.
R3	Council officers should continue to review practices in preparation for a second wave.	This work is ongoing and will continue to be responsive to government guidance through our Renewing Education group.	Yes	February 2021	Paul Turner	

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R4	A best practice summary guide should be produced and distributed to schools by the Head of School Standards, Safeguarding and Inclusion which outlines the key success criteria as identified during the initial closure and reopening.	Best practice is shared through our governance arrangements, specifically through our Renewing Education group and public health question and answer sessions. Learning is already communicated through our governance structures and to every school establishment. A summary guide would therefore be a duplication.	No	N/A	Paul Turner	
R5	A letter of thanks should be extended from the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee to Headteachers and schools for their commitment and efforts in the continued safeguarding of pupils' learning and wellbeing in exceptional circumstances.	This would be welcomed.	Yes	January 2021	Paul Turner	Cllr Hugo has submitted the letter to Paul Turner for distribution to schools.