

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 14 APRIL 2021

REPORT OF: CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATION

REPORT TITLE: RESPONDING TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC – UPDATE

Appendix 1 Governance and Communications

COVID-19 Response/ Outbreak Management Governance



Theme/ GM Governance	Board/ Frequency/ Reporting lines	Chair/Membership	Purpose
	<p>Stockport Early Years Schools and Colleges Planning Meeting</p> <p>(weekly)</p>	<p>Chris McLoughlin, Director of Children’s Services (Chair), Steve Nyakatawa (Interim Director of Education), Deborah Woodcock (Director of Operations-Stockport Family and Principal Social Worker), Early Years, Primary, secondary and college representation, SMBC services with children and education directorate including digital, Principal leads and education leads</p>	<p>This group has been established to strategically plan the children’s services response to Covid-19 in Stockport, ensuring that all services working with children and young people in Stockport are delivering robust business continuity plans during the pandemic specifically around partial closures of education and care settings (including early years providers, schools, academies, independent schools and colleges).</p> <p>This group is focusing on ensuring that schools are managing the implications of the crisis safely.</p>
	<p>Consortia leads and LA discussion meeting (weekly)</p>	<p>Steve (Chair) Lynn Perry Heidi Shaw Carolyn Anderson</p>	<p>This group takes Primary, Secondary ad Special specific issues relating to Covid, so that the LA can pick up any operational issues and provide guidance to support.</p>
	<p>Coordinating Covid-19 communications and action for children and young people in educational settings.</p> <p>(weekly)</p>	<p>Chris McLoughlin (Director of Children’s Services) Carolyn sets this one up and proposing to set fortnightly to mix with Transformation co-ordination meeting</p>	<p>Internal Children and Education colleagues meeting to ensure various coordination across the Directorate relating to Covid.</p>
	<p>Education Joint Consultative Group</p>	<p>Stephen Nyakatawa (Chair)</p>	<p>An existing group with the Unions</p>

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	(monthly)	Lynn Perry	with a particular focus on Covid-related matters as it affects their members.
	Schools and Educational Establishments Health and Safety Committee (fortnightly)	Steve Nyakatawa (Chair)	This is an existing group but with a particular focus of Covid in the current circumstances.
	Testing Oversight (weekly)	Ben Fryer (Chair) Lynn Perry/Nicki White	To have an oversight of testing in educational settings across Stockport
	GM Directors of Education (weekly)	Stephen Nyakatawa has regular meetings with GM counterparts	To look at policy and strategic management within Education including Covid.
	Greater Manchester School Improvement Meeting (approx. half termly)	Led by GM School improvement leads Lynn Perry	To look at managing educational practice within Covid across schools
	GM Early Years Foundation Stage leads (approx. half termly)	Helen Grimsditch	To manage educational practice within Covid across early years
	GM DCS's (monthly)	Chris McLoughlin (Director of Children's Services)	To focus on policy and strategic practice across all aspects of children's services
	Weekly keep in touch meeting with Special Schools	Bev Milway	Focus on on-going issues relating to Covid specific to specialist settings
	SEND comms planning meeting (fortnightly)	Michelle Booth (chair) Parent and Carer representative forum	Focus on communications relating to Covid
	DfE check-in calls (twice weekly)	Led by the DfE Stephen/Chris/Lynn	DfE to find out the current position on the group with schools. Opportunity for SMBC to ask questions around policy

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	Strategic Management Partnership (monthly)	Chris McLoughlin/Stephen Nyakatawa (Chair) Primary/secondary/special representatives/ college Senior level SMBC officers	A meeting with senior local authority and school representatives to look at policy and strategic management of children services.