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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Area SEND Interim Visits led by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC)**

The Liverpool SEND system is pleased to participate in the national programme of survey work across a number of local areas, also known as the Area SEND Interim Visits, led by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

On 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021, Ofsted and CQC will virtually visit Liverpool to understand more about the support for children and young people with SEND during the COVID-19 pandemic and to gather evidence to inform future national improvement across education, health and care. The voices of children, young people and families will be gathered through case studies and via a survey from Ofsted and CQC.

The aim of these visits is to:

- support the local area to understand the impact of the pandemic on children and young people with SEND and their families;
- find out what has worked well for them during this time, what the challenges have been and lessons learned;
- work with the local area to identify opportunities for improvement that address the challenges faced by children and young people with SEND;
- highlight best practice case studies and share insights nationally to promote whole system learning.

Following the final feedback meeting, local areas will receive a summary note, there will be nothing published, no judgements or recommendations in the note. A national report will then be published in spring 2021, reporting the learning from visits across all areas in the country. The aim of this report is to provide whole-system improvement. More information and guidance can be found on the gov.uk website regarding the visits.

Ofsted and CQC invite all parents of Liverpool children with SEND (both with or without an EHCP) to take part in an online survey. The link to the survey can be found here: [https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Survey\\_for\\_Parents\\_and\\_Carers\\_Area\\_Seven/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Survey_for_Parents_and_Carers_Area_Seven/)

We are very pleased to be taking part in this national programme and look forward to using the learning from the visit to develop our support for children and their families going forward.

Yours sincerely

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