

REPORT TO: Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 23rd November 2020

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

SUBJECT: Covid Update

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 A presentation will be delivered to members on the current response to Covid19 and how service delivered has been altered to respond to initially Tier 3 and now lockdown restrictions.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

2.1 i) **Members are asked to consider the presentation and raise any questions they may have on the current arrangements for children and their families.**

3.0 SUMMARY

3.1 The Children and Families Department and the Education, Inclusion and Provision Departments have continued to provide support to Halton Children and Families. Some staff have been able to work from home and this has been encouraged where possible. Other staff have been in work and have been able to provide direct support to schools and parents and carers.

3.2 Members will be provided with a full update by presentation at the Board meeting on 23rd November 2020.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

4.1 Children & Young People in Halton

The key focus throughout COVID 19 has been to support parents and carers, schools and settings to continue to provide good quality, timely support advice and guidance.

4.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

None.

4.3 A Healthy Halton

None.

4.4 A Safer Halton

None.

4.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

5.0 RISK ANALYSIS

5.1 When staff are working directly with schools and parents and carers risk assessments have been completed to minimise risk. Each work place has also been assessed to ensure it is covid secure.

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

6.1 Checks are undertaken to ensure that all vulnerable pupils and students receive the appropriate support if they are self-isolating.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
DFE Guidance to schools and settings	DFE Website	Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Ann McIntyre – Operational Director- Education, Inclusion and Provision & Operational Director - Resources