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Annwyl / Dear Lee

Scrutiny - Education Restart - 30 July 2020

Thank you for the feedback and recommendations following the presentation of school summer provision and restart at the recent CYP scrutiny committee. In relation to your points;

- 1) Officers will continue to build upon already existing links between the Challenge advisors, the Consortium and the LA through the Senior Challenge Adviser; via green and yellow risk and schools causing concern meetings and reporting; partnership working with various elements of the organisation e.g. Wellbeing and Inclusion, Digital Teaching and Learning etc.; sharing of professional learning opportunities and through LA/CSC collaboration in Support / Progress Review Meetings focusing on support and next actions.

The core purpose of an Improvement Partner/ Challenge Adviser is to provide the right support and challenge to enable school leaders to improve outcomes for all learners and includes supporting school self-evaluation and improvement; brokering effective support and intervention; developing school leadership at all levels across the school and building school-to-school capacity. IPs will work closely with schools on their school improvement plans early in the Autumn Term.

Challenge advisers have already completed a Distance and Digital Learning Review during June 2020 which has been shared with WG and the LA. Although not shared with all schools, this has provided additional intelligence to assist the brokering of support for individual schools from CSC and the LA.

With school operations returning to face to face provision in September, the gathering of best practise in relation to Distance Learning will continue to be an area for schools to focus on. Schools, in tandem with WG Learning Guidance, are being encouraged to further develop their Blended Learning approaches.



Appendix C

GWEITHIO DROS GAERDYDD, GWEITHIO DROSOCH CHI

Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu'n ddwyieithog. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis, dim ond i chi roi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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- 2) Vulnerable learners were identified by all schools at the start of lockdown . Our Joint Vulnerable Learners Panel with Children's Services has assessed cases where further support has been needed. From September and the return of all pupils to school This process will continue.

Officers will work alongside schools to support them in addressing the most entrenched difficulties.

- 3) I am able to confirm that Cardiff schools will receive a total of £2.465m from the £29m that Welsh Government have allocated across all schools in Wales to assist them in an Accelerated Learning Programme for learners who have been disadvantaged as a result of the Covid crisis. This figure is for the seven months to the end of the financial year in March 2021. Schools will receive a pro-rata amount, in the next financial year, for the five months from April 2021 to the end of the academic year in August 2021. This sum is estimated to be £1.760m, which would mean that for the academic year 2020/21 Cardiff schools will receive a sum of £4.225m. The conditions of this grant funding will mean that schools will only be able to spend it on additional staffing (teaching and non-teaching) to assist pupils in gaining additional support where they have been disadvantaged by the varied impacts of the covid crisis.
- 4) We will keep the Committee informed, through regular updates, of any significant financial issues in schools, especially any overspend positions.
- 5) I am pleased that the Committee have acknowledged the work of the Directorate in responding to the request for summer provision and would be grateful for some time in one of meetings later in the Autumn Term to report on evaluation of this year's summer provision with some thoughts on the potential models for provision for summer 2021.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely



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