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Dear SEND Parent Carer Forum,

Help us shape the future of education in Hackney

As you may know, in the last months, Hackney Council has been working on a new draft Education Strategic Plan for 2025-2028, which outlines the borough's top priorities for the next three years.

We are pleased to invite you to read the draft plan and share your views with us, at bit.ly/educationplan2025. The consultation is open between **7 July** and **22 September**.

The draft plan was developed after early engagement with families, schools, settings, and other partner organisations. The aim of the plan is to ensure Hackney's education offer is child-focused, strong, fair, anti-racist and inclusive, working in partnership to adapt quickly and respond to the changing needs of local children and their families.

The plan acknowledges the great improvements that transformed Hackney's education over the past two decades, as well as some of the challenges that the Council needs to respond to as it prioritises its limited resources.

The strategic plan outlines the five main priorities for 2025-2028:

- Providing the right support at the right time for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), focusing on early help, inclusion, and involving parents and carers as partners;
- Developing an Additional and Alternative Learning Service to ensure all pupils have access to a fair support model that responds to children and young people's needs, promoting inclusive practice, and reducing exclusions;

- Ensuring that Hackney schools, children's centres and settings are strong, sustainable and financially viable, working in partnership to provide the best possible outcomes for their children;
- Delivering a local education system that remains successful and is affordable and sustainable, encouraging schools to share best practice, innovate and support each other;
- Ensuring equity for children and families, so that children can follow their dreams and achieve the best possible outcomes, with a particular focus on ensuring targeted support for those who may need it most to thrive.

The aim of the plan is to look at ways to immediately address some of the increasingly complex challenges that Hackney is facing, which include:

- A drastic fall in the number of children attending maintained schools ;
- A significant increase in the number of pupils with complex special educational needs and disabilities;
- A high number of exclusions of secondary school pupils;
- Schools and settings facing financial challenges;
- Difficulty in finding and retaining qualified staff.

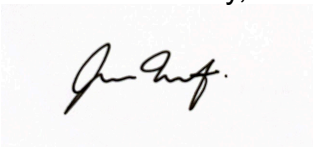
The consultation is open to all those interested in the future of education in Hackney between 7 July and 22 September. The final Education Strategic Plan is expected to be published before the end of this calendar year.

Visit bit.ly/educationplan2025 to find out more.

You can also read [here](#) a blog from Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Mayor of Hackney and Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Young People, about our vision for Hackney's children and young people.

Thank you for your ongoing interest and support in making Hackney a borough for every child.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Marantz', enclosed within a light grey rectangular box.

Jason Marantz

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