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The Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP
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Letter sent via email Sec-OF-STATE.PS@education.gov.uk

Dear Secretary of State,

Bury Council at its Full Council meeting on 24 November 2021 debated a notice of motion in relation to support for children in Bury.

The Council noted that:

1. There has been an enormous impact from Covid-19 on school children in Bury.
2. The staff, pupils and Governors in our schools in Bury have worked incredibly hard to make sure the impact of Covid is mitigated.
3. For months at a time, most children have not been able to attend school, been isolated from their friends, and missed out on valuable experiences such as playing sports or learning a musical instrument.
4. The Government's former Education Commissioner Sir Kevan Collins recommended that £15 billion is required to help school children catch up on the learning and experiences they have lost during the pandemic.
5. The Labour Party launched its £15 billion "Children's Recovery Plan" in June, in line with Sir Kevan Collins' recommendations. This plan includes Breakfast clubs and new activities for every child, Quality mental health support in every school, Small group tutoring for all who need it, not just 1%, Continued development for teachers, An Education Recovery Premium and Ensure no child goes hungry.

The Council resolved to:

1. Welcome the Labour Party's proposals and support the provision of the necessary resources for a strong recovery for our children and their education.
2. Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education to demand that the recommendations of the Labour Party's "Children's Recovery Plan" are implemented in full.

Accordingly, I am writing to you in relation to this matter.

I look forward to your response so that an update can be provided to Members of Bury Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G Little".

G Little
Chief Executive