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Dear Mr Swinney,

The Education and Skills Committee has prioritised the wellbeing of vulnerable children and young people during the Covid-19 outbreak as one immediate focus for its work. As part of this work, we are asking organisations involved in supporting vulnerable children and young people to tell us about their experiences to help us develop a comprehensive picture of what is happening at the moment.

We are keen not to put additional burdens on organisations at this time and, in particular, are keen to avoid creating additional burdens for local authorities and diverting resources from their frontline work unnecessarily. The Committee understands the Government is already collecting data and receiving updates from local authorities in relation to vulnerable children including school attendance by different cohorts, uptake of free school meals etc.

I would be grateful if you could share with the Committee all such material in order to inform our work.

Yours sincerely

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