

**Children, Education and Families PDS Committee
14 September 2021**

Agenda Item 4b– Questions to the Portfolio Holder

Questions from Alisa Igoe

1. 4 August Bromley tweeted that an extra £141k had been received by the Covid Essential Fund, which residents could self-refer to. By 22 August an announcement appeared on the website stating the fund was exhausted. How much of the £141k was allocated to departments under your jurisdiction, the amount for each department, how many families received help and on which items?

Reply

The Housing and Education departments work in partnership to support families through the Covid Local Support Grant. In total, Bromley received £709,516.58 for the period 21 June to 30 September 2021. All of the funding has been spent supporting children and families, including the families of circa 8,500 children with supermarket vouchers over the summer holiday period. If families are struggling, support continues to be available to families through the Welfare Fund, details can be found on Bromley's website.

2. Could you kindly tell me, to aid members of the public who attend to watch the Children's PDS Committee meetings, will the Portfolio Holder's update be read out, as happened under the previous incumbent, or will a written copy be included on the agenda for the public to read?

Reply

Going forward the Portfolio Holder will provide a verbal update.