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**Education and Children's Services
Scrutiny Committee**



To Heads Teachers

Narrowing the Gap – URGENT CALL FOR EVIDENCE

Wanted: evidence of how schools are narrowing the gap between the most vulnerable children in Southwark and their peers.

The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2014/15 is interested in raising attainment levels for the most disadvantaged pupils in the borough and contribute to the new administration's commitment to guarantee education, employment or training for every school leaver in Southwark.

Part of this inquiry will involve an investigation into the approaches taken by Southwark schools to narrow the gap in outcomes .

This is a call for case studies from Southwark schools who can demonstrate how they have, or are about to narrow the attainment gap.

The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee would like you to show what you are doing to raise attainment levels and how your school has positively contributed to narrowing the gap in outcomes for vulnerable children – setting out how they have done it, where they started from and why, and the outcomes they are achieving. If you have good examples, please complete the form below and return it to the Chair of Education and Children's Services Scrutiny **before 30 September**.

A report on the results of this survey will be published in December 2014. Please *make sure that your school is represented by submitting details of good examples*.

The inquiry is an opportunity for local schools to work with Southwark Council (regardless of who runs them) and improve children's lives and the future of our community.

Contact details

Name: Role:

School: Address:
Telephone: E.Mail:

2 What are the key groups of disadvantaged pupils that your school has identified?
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3. What are the gap(s) in achievement that you are you trying to narrow? 150 words

4. What specific options have been identified to improve attainment for each group of pupils and what has been achieved. 150 words
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5. What did you do, and who did you do it with? 150 words

6. What evidence do you have that outcomes have improved? 150 words

7. What were the challenges and how were they overcome? 150 words

8. How are you using the Pupil Premium for each disadvantaged child to improve attainment?

9. How can your school contribute to Southwark Council's commitment to guarantee education, employment or training for every school leaver in Southwark?

Please return to Cllr Jasmine Ali and Julie Timbrell no later than 30 September 2014 to jasmine.ali@southwark.gov.uk & julie.timbrell@southwark.gov.uk .
If you have any queries please call Julie 020 752 50514