

## **Councillor Jasmine Ali**

### **Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education**

[Councillor Jasmine Ali](#) will deputise for the Leader of the Council in his absence by representing the borough at external events, within the council and when necessary chairing Cabinet.

She will safeguard children in Southwark and lead policies to support them, including children's social care and early years, the school inclusion agenda, and implementation of the children and young people's plan.

She leads our work with academies and other education providers to improve standards in every school in the borough so that no child is left behind. Additionally, Councillor Ali leads the council's work on young people including young people's mental health, youth services and play.

Councillor Ali has particular responsibility for:

- Working with the Leader of the Council to support the political and strategic leadership of the council
- Play
- Early years' services, health visiting and children and family centres
- Child care
- Schools and nurseries
- Free healthy school and nursery meals and fruit
- School nursing
- Special education needs
- Reducing school exclusions
- Promoting the teaching of black history in schools
- Children's social care
- Corporate parenting and care leavers
- Fostering and adoption
- Child and adolescent mental health
- Young people and youth services, including the young advisors
- Youth offending services
- Further, adult and higher education, including the Council's Adult Education Service
- Scholarships
- Relationship with Southwark College

