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Dear Parents/Carers

As we head towards the end of the term, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a good winter break.

Hackney recently welcomed our new Mayor, Caroline Woodley, who officially took office on 13 November 2023. It has been an honour to perform the role of the Statutory Deputy Mayor acting in the power of the Mayor, with responsibility for overseeing the work of the Council over these past few months, and I look forward to working closely with Mayor Woodley on key actions to support the children and young people of our borough and ensure they can thrive.

I am pleased to tell you that Hackney's maintained schools continue to collectively provide a really high quality of education for our children. Over 97% of our local schools and education settings have been rated as being good or outstanding by Ofsted. This is an outstanding achievement and a reflection on the amazing work our schools and settings are doing to support our children and young people. Our partnership with parents and carers is part of this success.

During the school holiday period in December 2023 and January 2024, Hackney Council will once again be teaming up with a number of schools, sports activity providers and community services to offer a wide range of exciting activities and a daily healthy free meal as part of the government funded Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF). There will be sports activities, arts and drama, mentoring, healthy eating and nutrition sessions, food provision and much more set out across various locations across the borough. I encourage you to have a look at our [website](#) for more information.

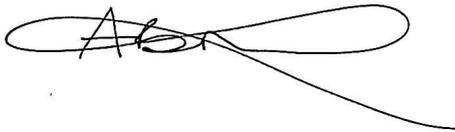
On 28 November, we held a stakeholder engagement session for the work of the Hackney Schools Charter for Race and SEND. The charter is aimed at addressing inequalities and promoting inclusivity across our schools and settings, with a focus on anti-racism and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. The charter recognises the importance of inequalities that



continue to negatively impact children and young people with SEND, Black Caribbean children and other groups within the Black and global majority community, therefore, at the heart of the work of the Charter is a focus on the Equalities Duty. The charter also recognises that schools may be working towards their own charters; this charter will serve to support the progression towards your school's Development Plans, ethos, values and practice in this work. Overall, the Charter aims to reflect a sustained commitment to our collective endeavours across local Hackney schools and settings by ensuring it reflects the promising practice in dismantling inequality in education amongst key groups.

With very best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable holiday period.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anntoinette Bramble', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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