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Dear Ms Vardon *Cheryl*

Thank you for your letter dated 10 June 2020 regarding the work of the Child Death Review Cross-Agency Working Group and for providing a copy of the *Operational Guidelines: For agency reviews following the death or serious physical injury of a child known to the child protection system* (the Guidelines).

I would like to acknowledge the work undertaken by the Queensland Family and Child Commission to assist agencies in preparing to undertake internal reviews and I am pleased to confirm the Department of Education's endorsement of the Guidelines.

The Guidelines will assist all agencies to adopt a consistent approach to carrying out internal reviews following such tragic events.

I confirm that the department's guidelines and resources for undertaking internal reviews align with the Guidelines. I also confirm that the Guidelines will be available to all staff through the department's intranet and through messaging prior to the commencement of the reviews after 1 July 2020.

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I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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