This morning Consell de Formentera president Alejandra Ferrer and youth services councillor Vanessa Parellada chaired an online plenary session of the island's Consell de Participació de la Infància i la Joventut (Youth Participatory Council) with attendees from CEIP Mestre Lluís Andreu, CEIP Sant Ferran de ses Roques and CEIP El Pilar de la Mola.

President Ferrer described the previous year as one marked by the coronavirus crisis, applauding children and youth for exemplary action during the toughest moments of lockdown, and telling them to expect an unusual Christmas 2020. "We adults are going to keep looking to you as examples, like when schools reopened", she said. "Here's to sharing hugs again in 2021", she added.

Ferrer also gave an overview of the 2021 budget, underscoring assistance for families and businesses and funding for construction projects like the new Sant Ferran school and *escoleta*, a seniors' home, a park in Sant Ferran and a skate and fitness park in Sant Francesc — something she assured was "high on Formentera young people's wishlist".

Attendees watched a video from the sixth Congreso Estatal on 23 and 24 October, an event which saw collaboration from two Formentera schoolchildren. Next, participants ran through a list of concerns with regard to the environment, equality, solidarity, education and participation. The officials took note and committed to addressing the issues.

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