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Government White Paper

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, last week the Government published a ***Schools White Paper***, which sets out plans to improve education for all children in England. The Government's aim is to make sure every child can achieve their best, feel included, and enjoy a broad and engaging education.

Alongside the Schools White Paper, the Government has published a **consultation** on reforms to the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) system. This consultation runs from now until May.

The proposed changes seek to improve the system, which is struggling to meet need across the country. It will be a long journey, but we will travel this with you, navigating the reforms together. Over the coming months we will be engaging with the DFE and local stakeholders to better understand timescales and implications of the reforms, and to see how we can support making things better for our pupils and the wider education community.

We will hold some events with you, to share perspectives on our children's education, and the reforms. Details of these events will follow in the coming months.

In the meantime, if you would like to share your views, the consultation can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/send-reform-putting-children-and-young-people-first>

The link to sharing your views is here: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/send-strategy-division/send-reform-putting-children-and-young-people-firs/consultation/intro/>

Best wishes

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