

## Important Update on SEND and Education Reforms

You may have seen recent media coverage about proposed changes to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support. We want to explain what is being proposed, what it means for our school, and reassure you about next steps.

### Our Commitment

At Tiffin, we remain dedicated to ensuring every child feels included, supported, and able to thrive. We continue to provide high-quality care and learning for all our pupils.

### National Proposals

In February 2026, the Government published:

- The Schools White Paper: *Every Child Achieving and Thriving*
- The SEND Reform consultation: *Putting Children and Young People First*

These documents outline a long-term vision for a more inclusive education system, with better support in mainstream schools and a focus on early identification of needs.

### Expected Timeline

**2026/27 academic year:** The National SEND training programme will begin for all educators

**2027/28 academic year:** Final publication of Specialist Provision Packages and a new needs assessment process

**2029/30 academic year:** The new needs system will be fully implemented, with assessments for children starting from this date.

### Key Points for Families

- **No immediate changes:** Current Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) remain in place; changes will not happen before September 2030.
- **Changes happen gradually:** After 2030, updates will take place only at natural education transition points (e.g., moving from primary to secondary school).
- **Stability in specialist provision:** Children in special schools can continue there unless families choose otherwise.

### What We are Doing at School

- Every child is valued and included. As you are aware Belonging is one of our key values and we do all we can to ensure this is secure for all of our learners.
- Adaptive teaching and early support help all pupils learn effectively.

- High expectations are set for all learners.
- Families are essential partners in supporting their children's learning.

### **Next Steps**

We will keep you informed as national developments progress. Your child's well-being, inclusion, and progress remain our top priorities.

For questions or more information, please contact our school SENCo.

### ***Further information***

Further information about the SEND and schools reform can be found here:

- [\*Every Child Achieving and Thriving\*](#)
- [\*SEND Reform: Putting Children and Young People First\*](#)