

7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

## YOUR EXPERIENCES OF SEND

Having spoken to many pupils, parents and teachers in Mansfield, I am acutely aware of the SEND crisis in our schools. Increased demand, protracted waiting times and increased pressure on schools and local authorities are all issues that need addressing.

The new Education Select Committee in Parliament has announced that it is seeking evidence on how we can stabilise the SEND system, as well as how long-term sustainability of the SEND system can be achieved to support and improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

I want the experiences of as many families from Mansfield to be considered by the Committee as is possible, so that we can help shape the future of the SEND system. As such, I am writing to encourage you to share your experience of the SEND system with me, so that I can make a significant submission to the Committee on behalf of young people here in Mansfield.

No matter how much or little you wish to share, I want to hear your views – in particular what you feel needs to change and any practical solutions that would make the system work better for you and your family.

If you would like your submission to remain anonymous, please make this very clear to me and ensure that the evidence itself does not contain any information which could identify individuals/the contributor, and I will ensure that the source is anonymised before passing it onto the Committee.

Please can any written submissions be sent to me via <u>steve.yemm.mp@parliament.uk</u> by Friday 24th January.

Further information on the work of the Committee, and the terms of reference, can be found via the below link:

https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8684/solving-the-send-crisis/

Yours sincerely,

Steve Yemm MP Member of Parliament for Mansfield

**Office of Steve Yemm MP** Member of Parliament for Mansfield

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