



**Waterloo Lodge
School**

Options Autism



Part of Outcomes First Group

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen that the Department for Education has published its Schools White Paper, outlining the Government's long-term plans for education across England. This is a national policy document that has been expected for some time and forms part of wider plans for the future of the education system.

Across our schools, we have always championed a SEND system that is child-centred, focused on positive outcomes, and shaped by what works best for families. It is encouraging to see many of the approaches we have long advocated reflected within today's proposals.

We are now looking at the detail closely and will continue to engage constructively at a national level to make sure the needs and voices of our pupils are well represented as proposals develop.

For our families, nothing changes as a result of today's publication, and the paper confirms what we've always expected – a triple lock of protections to ensure no child loses effective support already in place. Your child's provision, support, and day-to-day experience all continue exactly as they are, and our commitment remains unchanged.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Yours sincerely

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