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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware of the recent media coverage surrounding proposed reforms to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision. This has been further amplified by the publication of the Government's Education White Paper at the start of this week. As a trust, we recognise that this may raise questions for many families, particularly those whose children receive additional support. I therefore want to outline how Three Counties Academy Trust and our schools will approach these proposals.

The White Paper sets out a number of proposed changes across the education system, including aspects relating to SEND, accountability and wider school expectations. At this stage, these remain proposals. As is standard with Government White Papers, there will now be a period of consultation, followed by further detail, statutory guidance and, in due course, legislation.

Our immediate priority is to carefully review the proposals in full and consider their potential implications for our schools and our pupils. We will engage with national professional networks and sector experts to ensure we have a thorough understanding of any emerging requirements. This measured and informed approach will enable us to respond appropriately when formal guidance is issued.

I want to be absolutely clear: there are no immediate changes to your child's education or current provision. All existing support arrangements, including those set out in EHCPs and individual support plans, remain in place. Our commitment to inclusive education and to working in partnership with families remains unchanged.

We understand that you may have questions about what these proposals could mean longer term. At this stage, there is limited operational detail available, and it would not be responsible to speculate. As further information becomes clear, we will communicate openly and promptly with you.

Education policy may evolve, but our core purpose does not. We will continue to place the needs of our children at the centre of every decision we make, and we will navigate any future changes carefully and responsibly, together with our community.

Kind regards.

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