



**Westmorland and Furness  
SEND Partnership**

## Key Changes Proposed in the White Paper

We would like your view as a parent or carer on these government proposals, and how they could best be delivered in Westmorland and Furness.

- 1. The government aims to ensure support will be clearer and more consistent** - The reforms aim to make this more **fair and predictable**, so you know what help your child should receive wherever you live
- 2. Your child will get help earlier** - The white paper places a big emphasis on **early identification** and **early intervention**, so problems don't build up over time
- 3. Every child with additional needs will have an Individual Support Plan (ISP)** - The reforms introduce **legally required digital ISPs** for all children with additional needs - not just those with an EHCP
- 4. Support comes in three levels** - The new system will have three tiers of support, depending on your child's needs:
  - **Targeted:** Small-group teaching or help with speech, language or sensory needs.
  - **Targeted Plus:** Access to specialists (e.g., Educational Psychologists, Speech & Language Therapists).
  - **Specialist:** For children with the most complex needs, supported through an EHCP or specialist placement.
- 5. EHCPs stay** - but will be streamlined - EHCPs will continue to support children with the most complex needs, but the process will become **digital and more standardised** from 2030
- 6. There will be more specialist places and specialist support** - The government is investing in **new specialist school places**, plus Inclusion Bases in mainstream schools. This means:
  - More appropriate places for children whose needs are not easily met in mainstream classes.
  - More support available in your child's regular school.
- 7. Schools must publish an Inclusion Strategy** - Every school will have to show clearly how they support children with SEND by publishing an **Inclusion Strategy**, replacing the old SEN Information Report. This means:
  - You can more easily compare schools.
  - You'll know exactly what your child's school should be offering

**Full information is available here:**

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