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Dear Mr Lamb

Thank you for your letter of 20 October, addressed to the Prime Minister, about children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Your letter has been forwarded to this department and I have been asked to reply. Please accept my apologies for the delay in our response.

Our ambition is for every child, no matter what challenges they face, to have access to a world-class education that sets them up for life. Supporting the most vulnerable children, young people and adults is a priority for us, especially at this time.

That is why, since 2014, we have supported the implementation of significant reforms, putting children, young people and their families at the heart of the system, and focusing on outcomes and transition to adult life.

Information about how services for children with SEND are organised is contained in our guide for parents and carers, a copy of which can be found here:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-guide-for-parents-and-carers.

I also note your comments about abuse, however, I am unsure as to whether you are referring to specific cases, or making reference to abuse in a broad and general sense with regard to SEND children and young people.

As you may be aware the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) launched enquires into several organisations and local authorities.

www.iicsa.org.uk.

The Inquiry concluded its investigation hearings in December 2020 and is expected to publish its remaining investigation reports and recommendations throughout 2021, with the Inquiry's final overarching report expected to be published in 2022.

However, if you would like to ask a question about the Inquiry or find out more, you can contact IICSA here (please do not give any details of abuse at this first point of contact):

Tel: 0800 917 1000. The line is open 9am – 5pm on weekdays. Calls are free and do not show on your bill

Email: contact@iicsa.org.uk

Write: Freepost IICSA INDEPENDENT INQUIRY. You do not need a stamp.

I hope this information is helpful, thank you for writing.

Your correspondence has been allocated reference number 2021-0047192. If you need to respond to us, please visit <https://www.education.gov.uk/contactus> and quote your reference number.

Yours sincerely

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