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RE: SUPPORTING DEAF CHILDREN – NATIONAL DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CAMPAIGN.

Thank you for contacting me recently about supporting deaf children in my constituency of Corby & East Northamptonshire; I read your comments with great interest.

I want every child to have the best start in life, no matter what challenges they face. It is important that young people can access the services they need for a good education.

The system for identifying and meeting the needs of all children with special educational needs is designed to deliver the right support where it is needed. I am encouraged that the Department for Education is investing more than £25 million in projects to help children with special educational needs access excellent support. As I am sure you know, this builds on the great work of the National Deaf Children's Society, as part of the National Sensory Impairment Partnership.

The high-needs budget for pupils with special educational needs is a record £6 billion. Northamptonshire County Council use the local funding formula to estimate the number of children with special educational needs a school is likely to have. They are statutorily required to allocate sufficient funds to schools to enable them to meet the additional cost of pupils with special educational needs, up to £6,000 per pupil, per year. If the additional costs required exceed this amount, the local authorities can allocate top-up funding from its high needs budget.

I welcome that every local authority will see a minimum increase of 0.5 percent per head in 2018-19 and 1 percent per head in 2019-20. Underfunded local authorities will receive up to 3 percent per head gains a year for the next two years and overall, local authorities will gain 4.6 percent on average on their high needs budgets.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

Tom

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