

Every Child Achieving and Thriving

SEND Reform Engagement Event
12 January 2026 (10.00am – 12.00pm)

St Thomas Hall, Bell Barn Road, B15 2AF

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Led by
10.00am	Arrival, registration and refreshments	
10.15 am	Welcome and Housekeeping	Regional Director
10.20 am	SEND reform, Our 5 principles	Georgia Gould OBE MP Tom Rees
10.30 am	<p>Table discussions on the 5 principles</p> <p>Early: Intervene sooner, as soon as a need is identified, to prevent escalation, with a focus on early years and key transition points.</p> <p>Local: Enable children to learn close to home in inclusive mainstream settings, while special schools remain vital for complex needs.</p> <p>Fair: Ensure every school has the resources and capability to meet common and changing needs without parents having to battle for support.</p> <p>Effective: Ground reforms in evidence-based practice, making high-quality, proven support easy to find and implement.</p> <p>Shared: Foster collaboration between education, health, and care services, working in partnership with local authorities, families, and experts.</p>	
11.50 am	Closing remarks	Georgia Gould OBE MP