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Dear Anne Marie,

Thank you for your letter of 7 November, addressed to the Secretary of State, regarding the increasing costs of making provision for children and young people with special educational needs (SEND). I am replying as the minister responsible for this policy area.

We recognise that the costs of providing for children and young people with high needs are causing you concern. As you will be aware, The London Borough of Southwark is receiving £43 million in high needs funding in 2018-19, calculated under the national funding formula we announced last year. The provisional allocations for 2019-20 we announced in July will be updated with the latest pupil number data in December.

We are currently monitoring the impact of our high needs national funding formula, and the information you have provided about the position in your county is very helpful for this purpose. As I am sure you appreciate, we are keeping the overall level of funding available for high needs under review.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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