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*Dear Lord Touhig,*

Thank you for raising your question on Tuesday 7 May in the House, in relation to the Timpson review of school exclusion and the Government response. You referred to the Government's commitment to review the SEND Code of Practice and the work to be undertaken by Tom Bennett, and I promised to write to you to provide further clarity on my response.

The Department will be revising the SEND Code of Practice before the end of 2020. This will look wider than just the issues mentioned in the Timpson review of school exclusion. We will announce further details of how the review will take place, including terms of reference, in due course. Revising the Code will involve consultation with stakeholders and with parliament.

This is separate to the work that will be undertaken by Tom Bennett, who has been appointed the role as the Department's lead behaviour adviser. Tom Bennett will support the Department to build new behaviour support networks so that schools with a track record of effectively managing pupils' behaviour can share what works with schools that need it. The Department will also work with Tom Bennett and other sector experts to rewrite our guidance on exclusions and behaviour and discipline in schools by summer 2020.

I hope this letter has been useful. A copy of the letter will be placed in the House of Lords Library.

*Yours faithfully*  
  
THEODORE AGNEW