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PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

Thank you for your request of 24 January 2023 in relation to our published report on support for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). You wrote "I am requesting the following information: A report published by the National Audit Office in May 2022 regarding the government funding towards SEND pupils."

You asked us to handle your request in accordance with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm we hold the information you have requested. Our report on support for pupils with SEND in England is available [here](#). It was published in May 2019. We did not publish a further report in 2022.

Additionally, you may be interested to know that the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee took evidence from the Department for Education on the basis of our report. The Committee's report, [Support for children with special educational needs and disabilities](#), was published in April 2020. The government's response to the Committee's recommendations is available [here](#).

I hope you find the information I have provided helpful.

Annex A sets out the steps you may wish to take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request for information under FOIA.

Yours sincerely,

NAO FOI Team

Annex A

Statement of Policy

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at FOI.requests@nao.org.uk or by post to:

FOI Team, Green 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP

The Head of FOI will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed, we will write informing you of the outcome.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <https://ico.org.uk/> or Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF.