

What the Advocates for Inclusion in the UK Say

David Cameron has acted on his threat to “Reverse the bias towards inclusion” for disabled children and other children who need extra help at school. The Government's green paper ‘Support and Aspiration: A New Approach to Special Educational Needs and Disability’ is based entirely on the medical model of disability and will push back all the progress for which disabled people have struggled over the last 20 years. These proposals include:

- Creating many more special school places
- Removing the right of children to a legally enforceable ‘Statement of Special Educational Needs’
- Re-introducing the infamous caveats in the law which allow local authorities to forcibly segregate disabled children
- Allow many more schools to opt out of local authority control (and centralised services which support inclusion)
- Put parents in control of their children’s financial resources until they are 25 years old

This is in the context of a massive cut back in the rights and resources being made available to disabled people and their families.

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