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Dear Sarah

As you know, we have spoken at length about the need for enhanced provision to support children with special educational needs, their parents and carers, and in particular what appears to be a cluster of households living in and around Malvern that require additional support.

I met with teachers at Dyson Perrins Academy in 2017 to hear about their proposals to set up a stand-alone autism teaching provision and supported the school's ambitions. The teachers felt that there was increased demand for such a provision supporting families living in Malvern and across the Malvern District and, from my postbag and from conversations with local parents, I agreed with that assessment.

I am therefore ^{very!} pleased that you have started a bid for central Government funding to create a new free school focusing on supporting children with autism and offer you my full support. I would be happy to meet to hear of your plans in more detail and would be very willing to champion your bid with the relevant Ministers when required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "H. Baldwin".

Harriett Baldwin MP
Member of Parliament for West Worcestershire