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Please can you provide, from 1st January 2024 to 23rd February 2026;

1. A list of meetings with DfE (or DfE advisers) where SEND reforms were discussed, including:

- date, attendees (by job title), subject, and whether minutes exist*
- provide minutes/notes where held.*

There were 2 meetings held between Suffolk County Council and the DfE where a discussion was held on SEND Reform.

28 January 2026

Attendees at this meeting:

Suffolk County Council

- Director of Children's Services
- Education, Inclusion and SEND Service Director
- Interim Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion
- Chief Financial Officer
- Strategic Finance Partner

18 February 2026

Attendees at this meeting:

Suffolk County Council

- Director of Children Services
- Education, Inclusion and SEND Service Director
- Department for Education Regional Lead
- Department for Education Officer

No minutes or notes held for these meetings mentioned above.

2. Schools Forum papers and minutes where the SEND proposed deficit solution and Safety Valves were discussed.

The Schools Forum papers are attached to this response covering the SEND proposed deficit solution.

Suffolk are not part of the Safety Valve and therefore papers do not relate to this.