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Dear Mr George,

Thank you for your letter of 14 May regarding support for students who have a life-threatening or terminal illness.

I appreciate your ongoing interest in this important issue but the position remains unchanged at present. As my predecessor stated in his letter to you of 31 March 2021, the Chancellor considered the proposed change in policy but felt that it was not appropriate to take it forward in the Spring Budget 2022.

This position remains unaltered for now. Nevertheless, both I and the Secretary of State continue to recognise the importance of this issue and keep it under consideration and will, therefore, ask the Chancellor to look at it again when the time is appropriate.

I hope you will find this reply helpful.

Best wishes,

**Chloe Smith MP**

Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work