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Dear Ria,

Letter of recognition for the Pearson BTEC Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development

As an employer in the early years sector employing around 250 staff, we recognise the following qualification as being fit for purpose and appropriate for prospective employees to undertake:

*Pearson BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development
(QN: 100/6244/0)*

This qualification is recognised on the National College of Teaching and Leadership's 'Qualification List for those Delivering the Early Years Foundation Stage' (EYFS).

Given the new GCSE requirements being introduced for the new Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications, it is vital that there are opportunities for learners to progress from Level 2 to Level 3. This Level 2 qualification provides that opportunity, as learners can undertake the qualification and retake their GCSEs in English and maths alongside, prior to progressing to Level 3.

It is vital that learners aged 19+ (who are funded through the Skills Funding Agency) are given this opportunity.

We are happy for Pearson to use this letter in support of its work with the Skills Funding Agency, to ensure that this invaluable qualification can continue to be funded.

Yours sincerely

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