



Batford Early Years Centre

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Dear Ria,

We are an integrated Nursery School, Daycare and Children's Centre. We have approximately 160 children attending our centre on a daily basis and we work with over 20 early years settings as well as childminders and nannies. We support the development of the early years workforce by both training our own staff and those working in other settings in our reach area. We also employ and train new early years workers. I am writing to you in my role as a consultant to Pearson in the development of the new qualifications

As an employer/professional, we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose and suitable for accreditation:

- 601/2460/X - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development
- 601/2459/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development
- 601/2526/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development
- 601/2525/1 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)
- 601/2527/5 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)

We recognise these qualifications as developing and confirming specialist knowledge and skills in the sector, to a standard that can be reasonably expected of an 18 year old in full time education.

The qualifications will give students an advantage when applying for related jobs, or training, with the National Certificate and Diploma sizes suitable to confer 'Early Years Educator' status on learners.

These qualifications will ensure that practitioners have all the skills and understanding to enter the workforce without the gaps that currently have to be closed by employers post-employment. Successful students will be able to reflect on both their learning and practice to further develop their skills to the benefit of young children.

I am happy for my company name and website to be made available on the DfE and Pearson websites to confirm our support for the qualifications.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Everett

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