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Dear Ria,

We are Ellesmere Children's Centre, Is an award winning service, in which the manager, has worked as a consultant, engaged in the early years sector locally and nationally. Her more recent work has been the Nutbrown review which made recommendations regarding Early Years Qualifications, and maintaining quality in the field.

As an employer working with the Early years sector both locally and nationally, 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.

"Play" is an important aspect of the course and an Integral feature, for the Early education to understand and promote key aspects of play, Diversity and equality in today's society for young child's social engagement is paramount, given the multi diverse composition of communities a good practice must have a good understanding of "differences" and how to work with families.

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,

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