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Dear Deidre

Letter of support for the Pearson *BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Children's Play, Learning and Development*

Early Education is a national charity which promotes children's right to high quality education, providing support, advice and training on best practice for everyone concerned with children's early education and care. Our membership includes early years practitioners, settings and schools across the UK, supported by networks of local branches. We provide a national voice on early childhood education, advising central & local government & the media, publish material on aspects of early childhood education & child development, offer consultancy and training via our network of Associates and manage major projects on key national issues.

As a leading professional association in Early Years Education we recognise the following qualifications as fit for purpose:

- *BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development*
- *BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development*
- *BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)*
- *BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)*

The BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development will support learners to progress to employment in supervised roles in preschools, nurseries, crèche's and with childminders.

It will also provide learners time within the curriculum acquire the correct level of skills in English and Maths, to be able to progress to an Early Years Educator qualification or apprenticeship.

The BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator) and the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator) are recognised as full and

relevant qualifications for learners to progress to employment as Early Year Educators in nursery, preschools and child minding settings.

For such roles, we believe that these qualifications provide an appropriate level of knowledge and skills, meeting the needs of the business and the individual, ensuring employees are appropriately skilled for the job and able to deliver to the standard that the sector expects.

The qualification will also support the individual, should they chose to progress in to further training, for example the **BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development**, supports learners progression to higher education to study towards qualifications in childhood studies.

We are happy for Pearson to use this letter in support of its work with government and its agencies, to ensure that this qualification can continue to be recognised for college performance tables and 19+ funding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beatrice Merrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beatrice Merrick
Chief Executive