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Dear Deidre

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

PACEY is the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years, we promote best practice and support childcare professionals to deliver high standards of care and learning. As a Professional Body we recognise the following qualification as being 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.

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. **BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development**, supports learners progression to higher education to study towards teaching qualifications.

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

Yours sincerely



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