

Westminster Education Forum policy conference

Next steps for early years education and the EYFS

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 13th October 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
James Daly MP, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Childcare and Early Education
- 9.05 **Early learning in England in the wake of the pandemic**
Michael Freeston, Director of Quality Improvement, Early Years Alliance
- 9.15 **The reformed EYFS framework - transition to wider roll-out, impact on early literacy and numeracy and reception readiness, best practice in implementation and managing workload and assessments**
Liz Bayram, Chief Executive, PACEY
Dr Louise Tracey, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Education, University of York
Dr Julian Grenier, Headteacher, Sheringham Nursery School and Children's Centre Co-lead, East London Research School
Helen Pinnington, Early Years Leader, St Thomas More's Primary and Nursery, Bedhampton
Sian Campbell, EYFS Leader, Grove Street Primary School, Wirral
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 Break
- Case studies in raising standards in the early years sector post-pandemic**
- 10.10 **Supporting early learning and mental health recovery amongst vulnerable children**
Senior representative, nursery
- 10.20 **Using local partnerships to level up early years provision**
Dr Sally Pearce, Strategic Lead for Early Years, Sheffield Hallam University
- 10.30 **Facilitating seamless transition into primary learning**
Senior representative, nursery/primary school
- 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
James Daly MP, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Childcare and Early Education
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jack Dromey MP, Secretary, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Nursery Schools, Nursery and Reception Classes
- 11.20 **Inspecting early years settings and supporting providers to get back to speed and raise standards**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Priorities for early years staff - training and professional development, improving recruitment and retention, and ways to ease workload**
Stella Ziolkowski, Director of Quality and Workforce Development, National Day Nurseries Association
Professor Christine Pascal, Director, Centre for Research in Early Childhood
Janet King, Sector Manager for Education and Childcare, CACHE
Senior representative, nursery
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for early years education and the EYFS**
Susie Owen, Director, Early Years and Schools Group, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Jack Dromey MP, Secretary, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Nursery Schools, Nursery and Reception Classes
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum