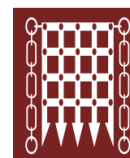


Westminster Education Forum policy conference

Next steps for early years education and childcare provision in England, and the implementation of the EYFS

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 13th September 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The early years and childcare sector - priorities moving forward**
Neil Leitch, Chief Executive, Early Years Alliance
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- Key issues in early years - latest thinking on funding, costs, child mental health and social mobility**
- 9.35 **Funding in the early years sector and provision of support moving forward**
Elaine Drayton, Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies
- 9.40 **Supporting parents with the cost of childcare**
Senior representative, parent group
- 9.45 **Care for mental health amongst children in the early years**
Senior representative, charity
- 9.50 **The role of early years education in aiding social mobility**
Sophie Livingstone, Chief Executive, Little Village
- 9.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **The implementation of the EYFS so far - impact on early literacy and numeracy, ensuring children are reception-ready, supporting children with additional needs, and raising attainment levels**
Julian Grenier, Headteacher, Sheringham Nursery School, Newham
Catherine McLeod, Chief Executive, Dingley's Promise
Dr Diane Boyd, Senior Lecturer in Early Years, Liverpool John Moores University
Kayleigh McLaren, EYFS Lead, Phonics and Early Reading Lead, and EYFS and KS1 Assessment Lead, St Bede's Catholic Junior School, Jarrow
Senior representative, charity
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.30 **The future role of childminders in providing early years education**
Brett Wigdortz, Chief Executive, Tiney
- 11.40 **The early years workforce - improving staff recruitment, training, professional development provision and retention, assessing pay across the workforce, and opportunities for easing workload pressures**
June O'Sullivan, Chief Executive, London Early Years Foundation
Eva Lloyd, Professor of Early Childhood, Cass School of Education
Beatrice Merrick, Chief Executive, The British Association for Early Childhood Education
Janet King, Sector Manager for Education and Childcare, NCFE
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Priorities for the early years sector going forward**
Professor Chris Pascal, Director, Centre for Research in Early Childhood
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum