**Westminster Education Forum policy conference**
**Next steps for early years education and childcare provision in England, and the implementation of the EYFS**
*Timing: Morning, Monday, 26th September 2022*
****Taking Place Online****

*Agenda subject to change*

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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
**Professor Chris Pascal**, Director, Centre for Research in Early Childhood

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*
**Charlie Rosier**, Co-Founder, Babbu

9.45 *Care for mental health amongst children in the early years*
**Joanna Moody**, Senior Policy Advisor - Child Mental Health and Wellbeing, UNICEF UK

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**
**Dr Julian Grenier**, Headteacher, Sheringham Nursery School, Newham
**Kayleigh McLaren**, EYFS Lead, Phonics and Early Reading Lead, and EYFS and KS1 Assessment Lead, St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Jarrow
**Dr Sally Smith**, CEO, Peeple
**Catherine McLeod**, Chief Executive, Dingley's Promise
**Kerrie Lee**, Lecturer in Education, University of Hull
Questions and comments from the floor

11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
**Professor Chris Pascal**, Director, Centre for Research in Early Childhood

11.15 Break

11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
**Eva Lloyd**, Professor of Early Childhood, University of East London

11.30 **The future role of childminders in providing early years education**
**Marc James**, Quality Assurance and Registration Lead, 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**
**Eva Lloyd**, Professor of Early Childhood, University of East London
**Beatrice Merrick**, Chief Executive, Early Education
**Janet King**, Sector Manager for Education and Childcare, NCFE
**Karen Richards**, Director, Wolds Childcare

12.00 Questions and comments from the floor with **Stacy Mann**, Early Years Subject Specialist, NCFE

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**
**Eva Lloyd**, Professor of Early Childhood, University of East London
**Sian Linnane**, Associate Producer, Westminster Education Forum