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Support for Early Years Education

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about support for early years education.

Good quality early education led by qualified early years teachers has a big impact on a child's development, helping to provide them with the best start in life. However currently too many children do not have access to early years teachers which is contributing to children falling behind before they reach school.

I share the concern of many people that the Government has dropped its commitment to increase the number of early years teachers. If the Government is committed to working towards closing the early development gap and boosting social mobility, it should be maintaining this pledge at the very least.

I recently attend a summit on the future of Birmingham's Nursery Schools for local nursery school leaders and parents groups. What was clear from discussions around the summit was that concerns about long-term funding for early years education from the Government risk having a serious impact on children all across Birmingham. We are calling on the Government to put in place a long-term funding solution that recognises the true costs that nursery schools face. This is required to provide nurseries with the funding that is required to ensure all children have access to qualified early years teachers.

Thanks again to everyone has contacted me regarding this issue.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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