

24<sup>th</sup> August 2015



Dear Roberta

I am writing to support for the following City & Guilds qualification to be included in the Department for Education Technical Level 16-19 Performance Tables.

**Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Early Years and Childcare (540)**

PACEY is the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years - a standard-setting organisation, promoting best practice and supporting childcare professionals to deliver high standards of care and learning.

Our mission is to enable all our members to achieve the highest standards of care and learning for children and together build recognition of their professionalism.

The **Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Early Years and Childcare (540)** has been developed in collaboration with employers and industry experts from the early years sector and it is ideal for young people between the ages of 16 and 19yrs. It contains the essential knowledge and skills to support best practice in the early years industry and includes units of learning in the following critical areas:

- professional development as a practitioner
- safeguarding
- child development
- working in partnership
- supporting children positive behaviour and transitions
- promoting speech, language and communication

These skills and knowledge are much sought after by early years employers wanting to recruit. The attainment of this qualification will give a young person an advantage when seeking employment in supervised roles within the statutory, private, voluntary and independent early years and childcare sector in England, including assistant practitioner roles in day nurseries, nursery schools and preschools.

We consent to our name and logo being publically available on the City & Guilds website

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