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Dear Roberta

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

**Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (Early Years Educator) (1080)**

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 Extended Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (Early Years Educator) (1080)** has been developed in collaboration with employers from the early years sector and Higher Education Institutions and explores the in-depth knowledge and essential skills in line with the role of an Early Years Educator. We feel it is ideal for young people between the ages of 16-19yrs.

By completing this qualification learners will develop their critical analysis and investigative enquiry skills both of which are highly sort after by employers in the early years industry. As a Level 3 Licence to Practice qualification the indicative content addresses the core tenants of the Early Years Educator role and includes:

- professional development as a practitioner
- safeguarding
- child development, observation and assessment
- working in partnership
- supporting children positive behaviour and transitions
- promoting speech, language and communication
- understanding contemporary society and theories
- Developing leadership skills and potential
- Research in Early Years practice
- Supporting children's literacy, reading, writing and mathematical skills

These skills and knowledge will give a young person an advantage when seeking employment as a qualified Early Years Educator in a range of settings within the statutory, private, voluntary and independent early years and childcare sector in England. Learners will also be able to seek employment in other roles such as a home based childcarer or nanny or progress on to Higher Education.

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

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