

# APPG for Early Education and Childcare

Tuesday 15th July 2025 at 12.30 - 13.30pm

## Online

We are delighted to invite you to the APPG on Early Education and Childcare.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for parliamentarians and sector colleagues to hear from experts and discuss challenges and solutions to build a strong and sustainable early education and childcare sector.

This meeting will include insight and discussion on the following themes:

- Recruitment and retention of the early education and childcare workforce, and the Employment Rights Bill
- Implementation of the new statutory guidance for local authorities on early education and childcare
- The Department for Education's policy paper, *Giving every child the best start in life*

This meeting will be chaired by James MacCleary MP and hosted by Campaign for Learning, the secretariat for the APPG, with the support of the APPG's sponsors: NCFE Cache, Kindred Squared, Tapestry, NDNA and the University of Leeds.

**12.30 Welcome and introduction**

James MacCleary MP, Chair APPG for Early Education and Childcare

**12.35 Recruitment and retention of the early education and childcare workforce**

Lucie Stephens, Associate Director, Research and Co-production

**12.45 The Employment Law Bill: considerations and risks for the Early Years Sector**

Melanie Wright, Director of People & Culture, LEYF

**12.55 DfE policy paper: *Giving every child the best start in life***

Jodie Gosling, MP

**13.05 Discussion forum**

**13.25 Chair's summary**

**13.30 Close**