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Ein cyf/Our ref WQ98725

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Dear Darren,

WQ98725: Consideration of a premium childcare rate for children with additional learning needs

Thank you for your question regarding what consideration the Welsh Government has given to the payment of a premium childcare rate to providers delivering the Welsh Government's free childcare offer for children with additional learning needs.

Work is well underway, with officials undertaking initial scoping of the current funding and delivery models for the Childcare Offer for Wales and Flying Start. This includes reviewing the capacity and capability within the sector and identifying further evidence requirements.

As part of this work, consideration is being given to ensuring appropriate support for childcare providers caring for children with additional support needs, including both additional learning needs and healthcare needs.

Further detail on timing and costs will be set out as this work progresses, informed by key practical considerations such as infrastructure, workforce capacity and quality.

Yours sincerely,

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