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Dear Linda,

**Children & Education Select Committee – 14 May 2014 – Early Years Education**

As you will recall, the Children & Education Select Committee considered a report on the provision of Early Years Education in Surrey. During the course of our discussion it was noted that research indicated nursery provisions within maintained schools are not performing as well as their non-maintained equivalent. Officers highlighted work that was being undertaken in conjunction with Babcock 4s to help address this disparity, and that an offer of support had been extended to all maintained nursery provisions.

Presently only 10 of Surrey's maintained nursery provisions have chosen to access this support from Surrey County Council. Given this limited take up, the Committee has made a recommendation that you give consideration to how schools with maintained nursery provision can be further encouraged to engage with the authority's Early Years and Childcare Service.

I am certain that you support the principle behind this recommendation, which is the important role of early years education in improving outcomes for disadvantaged children.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours sincerely,  
Zully Grant-Duff, Chairman of the Children & Education Select Committee

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