

Inaugural meeting to constitute the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Early Education and Childcare

Tuesday 17 December 2024 11:30-12:00

Room M, Portcullis House, Westminster

Minutes

Attending:

Parliamentarians

James MacCleary MP (Liberal Democrat)

Liz Jarvis MP (Liberal Democrat)

Vicki Slade (Liberal Democrat)

Jodie Gosling MP (Labour)

Alex Brewer MP (Liberal Democrat)

Meeting organisers and secretariat

Conrad Morris (Parliamentary Assistant to James MacCleary MP)

Juliette Collier (Campaign for Learning and Secretariat)

Apologies

1. Welcome

James MacCleary MP welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Introductions

Parliamentarians and the meeting organisers introduced themselves

3. APPG Purpose

The purpose of the APPG is to support parliamentarians in their discussions with the sector, and those making decisions for early education and childcare policy.

Three cross-sector issues and challenges have been identified by the sponsors as a focus for the future work of the APPG:

- Recruitment and retention
- Funding formula
- Provision of SEND

4. **Election of the group's officers**

The following officers were proposed and elected.

Chair and Registered Contact: James MacCleary MP (Liberal Democrat)

Officers:

Alex Brewer MP (Liberal Democrat)

Dame Caroline Dinenage MP (Conservative)

Jodie Gosling MP (Labour)

Co-chair: not yet appointed

5. **Any Other Business**

Secretariat confirmed that the APPG has 22 parliamentary members and is therefore compliant with APPG rules

Secretariat confirmed APPG name to be registered as 'Early Education and Childcare'.

Secretariat to formally register the APPG within the required 28 days from the inaugural meeting.