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Dear NCFE,

I am writing in support of the **NCFE CACHE Level 4 Award in Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Leadership and Management in the Early Years (QRN: 603/4888/4)**. This qualification offers Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and is designed for those already working in a SENCO role as an Early Years practitioner and who wish to progress to leadership and management roles and responsibilities.

nasen is a registered charity founded in 1991 to support the advancement and education of those with learning differences. In addition to providing membership services for more than 16,000 education professionals, nasen hosts a portfolio of grant-funded projects and commercial education contracts.

I believe this qualification is valuable for learners because it supports current and aspiring leaders and managers in early years settings to deliver an inclusive offer for children with SEND. In the spirit of the SEND Code of Practice 2015, I would like to see every early years practitioner a practitioner of SEND and this requires every leader to be a leader of SEND. This qualification will support learners to progress into early years leadership with a good understanding of strategic approaches to effective SEND provision.

Completion of this qualification will prepare learners to progress on to a range of higher level qualifications within the Early Years and Childcare sectors, and enable learners to progress into employment in a SENCO or SEND related leadership and management role in the early years.

We confirm that we fully support the NCFE CACHE Level 4 Award in Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Leadership and Management in the Early Years qualification. We confirm that we are happy for this statement of support to be made public and available on the NCFE/CACHE website alongside the qualification.

Yours sincerely



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