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Dear James and Emma

I am writing in support of the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education QRN: 603/2987/7

The University of Northampton is one of the largest providers of education, training and assessment for health, care and teaching and education professionals in the East Midlands with consistently excellent external ratings for Early Years Teacher Status (0-5), QTS and for programmes for the wider children's services workforce such as teaching assistants and early years practitioners. The Faculty of Education and Humanities provides a range of under and post graduate degree programmes in Early Childhood, Education and Teaching and Learning. Students transition to a range of career pathways including Early Years Teachers (0-5), teaching, social work, family work and play work.

This qualification will provide individuals who have an interest in Childcare with an opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding to an advanced level. It supports learners to enhance their techniques of evaluation, analysis and reflection and those progressing onto higher education will benefit from these study skills.

As a Higher Education Institution, we consider that this qualification is fit for purpose and fulfils entry requirements to courses in a range of subjects, when combined with other qualifications such as 'A' levels and Applied Generals.

Entry onto our courses varies according to the subject for which an applicant has applied and the number of UCAS points required. Please see our website for the most up to date entry criteria. An example of some of the courses The NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education QRN: 603/2987/7 contributes towards are:

- Foundation Degree in Early Years
- BA(Hons) Early Childhood Studies

Typically, our intake onto these courses are approximately 70 candidates a year.

This qualification is suitable for anyone aged 16 and above.

I agree to this letter being published electronically on CACHE's website/public domain, in accordance with the DPA.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eunice Lumsden', written in a cursive style.

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