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**The Rt. Hon. Gillian Keegan M.P.**

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Dear Gillian

**Early Life Education and Skills Acquisition**

I am writing to support the view that we should be encouraging more written policy regarding early-age education.

I have been made aware by my constituents; how vital the first 1,001 days of a child's life are to their fundamental development.

This time is a unique period, which sets a child's foundations for a life of positive emotional and physical wellbeing.

It has been proven scientifically, that early life stimulation significantly improves the development of the brain, leading to much enhanced motor, cognitive, and social abilities.

For this reason, I think that there is so much to be gained from a resolute policy which encourages the acquisition of skills from an early age, whilst action is taken for supporting parents financially, so that every child has the opportunity for educational growth at the beginning of their life.

I am aware that the Government has the 'Best Start for Life' initiative, to ensure that all children enjoy the best start in life they can, but I would be interested to know what more can be done to significantly support children in their first 1,001 days.

I look forward to hearing your response and hearing what more the Department for Education can put in place to aid children at arguably their most vulnerable stage of life.

Yours ever,