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Nursery staffing

The sector urgently needs long-term investment



Plan to provide early years education on the cheap will hit children and staff

Responding to comments by transport secretary Grant Shapps indicating the government wants to make it harder for workers to strike, general secretary Christina McAnea said:

Responding to an Early Years Alliance survey showing strong opposition to a government proposal to increase the number of children nursery staff can care for, UNISON head of education Mike Short said:

“This proposal offers no benefit to children or staff.

“Short-sighted ministers are gambling with children’s development, life chances and safety. Demoralised workers already heading for the exit will

feel they’ve made the right decision, while desperately needed new staff will be put off joining, just when the sector needs them most.

“The government must commit to long-term investment in early years education. Anything less sends out the appalling message that children’s early years development is not a priority and highly-skilled staff are dispensable.”

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