

Access to early years education.

I'm the Flying Start Advisory Teacher for Ceredigion and wanted to express my concern regarding the difficulties facing parents within our county.

From my experience parents can access the provision of free early years education within our county through schools, day nurseries or sessional care nurseries but many settings offer more than the 10 hours which means that parents need to contribute financially to the setting. This is usually only 2.5 hours extra per week although in some settings this can be up to 15 hours per week and total to £14 per week for parents to find. I am involved with Flying Start and this is a problem for us as we see a few children receive their Flying Start childcare element (2-3years) for a year, leave the setting for a few terms before returning into free education at 4 years old. This obviously has an impact on their development, confidence and relationship with the education system.

I hope that this information helps. If you need to contact me please do at xxxxx or e-mail: xxxxx