

Dear Glasgow City Council,

I am writing in support of Jade McLean Childminding Service. I have been informed that she has been refused permission to expand the number of places she can offer. To my mind this seems very unfair. Jade and her team are fantastic Early Years Providers.

My Grandson had excellent rich learning experiences when he attended Jade's Childminding service and this kind of quality education in the heart of Penilee, an area where there is some deprivation.

I watched the news and listened to the daily briefings all through this pandemic and have lost count of the number of times that the First Minister and the Depute First Minister for Education made

reference to 'closing the attainment gap' and the 'recovery curriculum' in a post pandemic Scotland. It states in your document from Education Scotland, Inspection of Local Authorities How well is Glasgow City Council improving learning, raising attainment and closing the poverty-related attainment gap? That.. " The overarching priority of Glasgow City Council, its elected members and education authority staff is focused on excellence and a persistent drive to reduce inequality across Glasgow. This aspirational agenda is focused on addressing the barriers created by child poverty..... It is firmly founded in strong evidence-based practice, promoting high-quality learning and teaching in educational provision across the city."

It is beyond me then, that you would refuse

a perfectly well situated service the right to expand, simply because it is not a Nursery building. Early level education takes place wherever a child is happy and thriving and children in Jade's care are certainly both.

Children from various locations and surrounding areas of Penilee should be given the same opportunities for high quality learning experiences, it is my view therefore that you live up to your Council's Inspection priorities and allow Jade the permission to expand her service.

I urge you to reconsider your decision.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Burnside

(a Grandparent of a child who benefited from Jade's Childminding Service.)

