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## TO WHO IT MAY CONCERN

Please accept this letter as a formal letter of support in respect of Jade McLean's application.

My name is Louise Petrucci. My son Matteo Petrucci (13/05/2018) has been attending Jade's Childminding since he was 11 months old. As a first time mother, it was extremely important to secure suitable childcare for our family's needs to allow my return to work following maternity leave. Jade's childminding service had a very high reputation in our area and following meeting Jade it was easy to see why.

Jade has struck the balance of being professional and qualified but also making sure she offers a loving and warm relationship to not just the children but parents also. Jade goes out her way to ensure both children and parents feel that the children are secured and well cared for to allow working parents to undertake their work responsibilities.

We have very little informal support in relation to childcare and Jade has been our prominent support over the last two and half years. Jade has always been accommodating to supporting with additional hours and flexible requests, as far as she is able to do within her remit and regulations.

I was employed by Glasgow City Council as a front line child protection social worker and team leader (until moving local authority in May 2021) during the time my son has been at Jades. Jade's support, particularly during the pandemic was invaluable, giving my child consistency during a challenging time and allowing my efforts to be placed in supporting the vulnerable children and families of Glasgow. The bottom line is if that I didn't have the support of Jade, I would have been unable to fulfil my employment responsibilities.

Due to my professional experience, I have a vast knowledge, skills and practice in reaction to childhood studies. With Jade's support, my child is exceeding his developmental milestones and I attribute this due to the educational, and nurturing environment within Jade's child-minding. He has been able to experience a wealth of opportunities and social outings within the environment of Jade's that I believe would have not have been achieved within a nursery setting or most other child minders. Given this, myself and my Husband have made the decision for our Son to remain at Jade's until his preschool year as I truly believe he will gain more educationally and emotionally at Jade's than he would do in a nursery provision at this time. I believe we are not the only parents taking this action and this to me speaks volumes about the level of care and education Jade provides.

My fear that given the most recent decision by Glasgow city council in respect of her numbers, will have a negative impact on my family and of most concern, my child. By not having that freedom and flexibility within Jade's numbers causes me distress and worry that my child will not be able to be access the hours he requires within Jade and that I will have to look for alternative childcare which is not in my family or child's best interests.

I strongly urge you to revisit your initial recommendation on the basis of the aforementioned testimony on parents who had the most amazing early years childcare experience as a result of the support, commitment and child centred care offered by Jade.

Yours Sincerely

Louise Petrucci