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Member of Parliament for Horsham



**HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: CHILDCARE**

Thank you for contacting me about childcare.

The Government is providing more support to families by investing record amounts in childcare, rising from £5 billion to £6 billion by the end of the Parliament in 2020, helping to double the free childcare on offer to parents of 3 and 4 year olds to 30 hours per week. I hope that this, along with tax-free childcare that is to be introduced next year, will make a real difference to millions of hardworking families.

The Education Secretary recently set out her plans to reform the way in which early years providers are funded, ensuring a much better deal for nurseries, preschools and childminders. The changes will create a fairer system that better provides the affordable, high-quality childcare families deserve.

I welcome that 86 per cent of early years providers are now rated as good or outstanding. Improving the quality of these providers and the skill of those who work with children is a top priority for the Government in this area, and I know that Ministers continue to work hard to drive these standards higher still.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Quin'.