

Government's child care strategy offers support for most disadvantaged

Commenting on the launch today of the Government's Child Care Strategy, Steve Sinnott, General secretary of the National Union of Teachers s, said:

“The Government's strategy is a significant contribution to ensuring that all youngsters get the best start in life and aim which is at the heart of the Union's five year strategy, 'Breaking down the barriers'.

“The Government's decision to extend the provision of both high quality child care and the hours of nursery education for three and four year olds is welcomed by the Union.

“The Union has welcomed the establishment of wrap-around services offering education childcare and a variety of other support services in the most deprived wards in England. This expansion recognises that many of the poorest children live beyond those areas and that their needs must be addressed as well.

“If this strategy is to succeed and offer the greatest opportunities to the most needy, it is essential that qualified teachers are at the heart of all educational provision. I hope that when we see the detail of the strategy that is the case.”

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