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THE DRAFT EARLY YEARS (0-6) STRATEGY

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- Principals and Boards of Governors of all grant-aided schools;
- Education and Library Boards;
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment; and
- Teachers' Unions.

Summary of Contents:

The circular gives notice of the consultation arrangements for the draft Early Years (0-6) Strategy.

Enquiries:

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Governor Awareness:
Essential

Status of Contents:
Advice
Information for schools

Related Documents:
**Draft Early Years (0-6)
Strategy
Evidence Based Paper to
inform the Early Years (0-6)
Strategy
Draft Early Years (0-6)
Strategy – Consultation
Response Document**

Superseded Documents:
None

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Not applicable

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1. The purpose of the new Strategy is to set out a vision and plan for ensuring better outcomes for children by improving the provision and quality of services to the youngest children, their parents and families for the next 5 years.
2. The draft Early Years (0-6) Strategy document sets out a proposed vision, aims and objectives that will link the range of early years' services for children (0-4) from Education and Health with the new Foundation Stage in the first years of Primary School. It will reflect the drive for cohesion in the policies and services affecting early years so that children and parents get the best outcomes possible.
3. The draft Early Years (0-6) Strategy document, and supporting Evidence Based Paper, have been published together with a consultation response booklet to help respondents provide a structured response and we would welcome your views on the proposals set out in the document.
4. Copies of the draft Early Years (0-6) Strategy document, the supporting Evidence Based Paper, and the consultation response booklet are available from the Department of Education's website at www.deni.gov.uk from 25 June 2010. While the Department will accept hard copy responses to the consultation we would encourage responses online and alternatively by email. The consultation response document can be downloaded, completed and forwarded by email to DE.EarlyYearsTeam@deni.gov.uk
5. The consultation runs from 25 June 2010 to 30 November 2010.



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