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Advancing Children's
Early Care & Education

**Children
2020**

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Young children must be a priority.

An investment in children is an investment in our future. While large-scale economic investment may be beyond the immediate scope of a new government, long-term planning isn't.

Having a national plan for early childhood is a basic minimum standard - Ireland doesn't have one. We're asking all parties to give a commitment that if in Government they will:

✓ **Develop a national plan for the care and education of young children.**

Unlike most European countries, Ireland has no national plan for early care and education. We are at the bottom of a UNICEF 'league table' of early childhood education and care in developed countries. All political parties should commit to developing a national plan to bring young children's care and education up to international standards by the year 2020.

High quality early care and education matters because it works - it works for children, for the economy and for society. We need a national plan for early childhood.

✓ **As a TD, will you make sure children's early care and education is a government priority?**

✓ **Will you make sure the next government develops a plan for early childhood?**

Questions for politicians:

✓ **As a TD, will you make sure children's early care and education is a government priority?**

✓ **Will you make sure the next government develops a plan for early childhood?**

Please let us know what your politician's said:

Candidate Name:

Candidate's Answers:

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