



All Party Parliamentary Group for Nursery Schools, Nursery and Reception Classes

Early Education
The British Association for Early Childhood Education

Public Petition to Parliament

The APPG is planning to coordinate public petitions to Parliament calling on the House of Commons to urge the government to take action to ensure maintained nursery schools are financially sustainable for the future.

A public petition is a mechanism for a Member of Parliament to present the grievances or requests of an individual or group to the House of Commons. These petitions can then be formally presented to Parliament by the MP. This is a good way to engage and mobilise parents to lobby MPs to protect the future of our nursery schools, and show MPs that there is a lot of support for nursery schools in their area.

We have prepared a petition for you to use to get signatures. There are some rules about these petitions which are below.

In the run up to Christmas and at Christmas events you may be organising, we'd encourage you to sign up parents, other carers and family members, staff, governors and any other local community contacts.

The suggested deadline for completing the petition is 11th January.

The petition must follow certain uniform standards. Public petitions should be on a plain sheet of paper.

- They should also be in the English language or if not in English, should be accompanied by a translation certified by a Member.
- There should be no erasures, deletions or interlineations

How many signatures does a public petition need?

A petition should be signed by individuals who are described in the description of the petitioners. Each signature should be original (photocopies and electronic signatures are not permitted) and should be accompanied by the signatory's name and address.

Next steps

Once you have collected all the signatures you can, please get in touch with anthony.mccaul@parliament.uk and we will provide a cover letter for you to send to your MP asking them to present the petition to Parliament. We will aim to coordinate the formal presentation of the petitions so that we can have maximum impact, and a media moment to get further press coverage.

If you have any questions about the petition please contact Anthony McCaul in Lucy Powell's office on anthony.mccaul@parliament.uk or on 02072194402.