To: Headteachers of Primary and Special Schools (Primary), Short Stay Schools (Primary), and Support Services

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Dear Colleagues

Following the success of the **EYFS Profile Moderation Sessions** we delivered earlier this year; we are planning to roll them out again in Summer 2027. From the schools who attended these sessions, 77% of GLD outcomes were at least maintained and, in the majority of cases, improved, compared with the previous year. Feedback suggests that increased practitioner confidence in assessing against the ELGs was a significant contributing factor. Therefore, to further support Lancashire schools in their assessment processes, we have decided to continue offering opportunities for external moderation in a cost-effective and convenient way.

These half-day sessions are designed to support high-quality, accurate teacher assessment at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage. They will enable practitioners to:

- Benchmark evidence against **national exemplification**
- Moderate end-of-EYFS judgements against the **Early Learning Goals (ELGs)**
- Identify strengths and areas for development to support a smooth **transition into Year 1**

The **EYFS Profile** is a statutory assessment completed at the end of Reception, based on the Early Learning Goals and EYFS Framework introduced in 2020/21. Schools are required to submit these judgements to the Local Authority as part of statutory assessment procedures. From this **September 2026**, EYFS Profile data is included in the **Inspection Data Summary Report (IDSR)**, further highlighting the importance of accurate and consistent assessment.

During the session, delegates will work in small groups to carry out some joint agreement trialling, in order to moderate their judgements. This will be supported by experienced Local Authority advisers and consultants, who will facilitate professional dialogue. There will be opportunities to compare evidence with national exemplification materials and local examples to support consistency and confidence.

We ask that each delegate brings some evidence to support moderation discussions. The focus for these sessions will be on the following early learning goals: **Physical Development (gross and fine), Writing and Speaking** and there may be an

opportunity to revisit relevant aspects of other goals as part of conversations about individual children's profiles.

The evidence you bring may relate to one child or to a small number of children, and the form of evidence is entirely at the discretion of the school and practitioner. (Please note, there is **no statutory requirement** to keep physical evidence; this request is solely to support professional dialogue during the session).

Consideration will also be given to how EYFS Profile outcomes inform transition into Year 1 and support curriculum continuity.

These sessions will directly support Teacher Assessment in EYFS and help practitioners feel confident and accurate in their end-of-year judgements. We are pleased to offer these sessions at the **very minimal cost of £30** per delegate.

We hope your school will take up this opportunity to engage in high-quality professional moderation as part of our shared commitment to giving every Lancashire child the very best start in life.

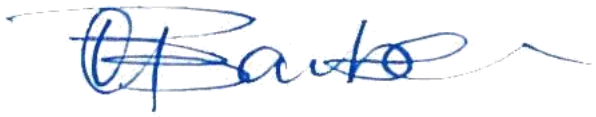
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| 05 May 2027 | 9.15am – 11.45am | Life Church, 30 Sycamore Avenue, Burnley, BB12 6QP |
| 05 May 2027 | 1.15pm – 3.45pm | Life Church, 30 Sycamore Avenue, Burnley, BB12 6QP |
| 06 May 2027 | 9.15am – 11.45am | Lancashire Football Association, Thurston Road, Leyland, PR25 2LF |
| 06 May 2027 | 1.15pm – 3.45pm | Lancashire Football Association, Thurston Road, Leyland, PR25 2LF |
| 11 May 2027 | 1.15pm – 3.45pm | SHARES Training Facility, Hillside Primary School, Egerton, WN8 6AB |
| 11 May 2027 | 1.15pm – 3.45pm | Lancaster & Morecambe College, Morecambe Road, Lancaster, LA1 2TY |
| 18 May 2027 | 9.15am – 11.45am | Fylde Rugby Club, Blackpool Road, Lytham St Anne's, FY8 4EL |
| 18 May 2027 | 1.15pm – 3.45pm | Fleetwood Cricket Club, Fleetwood Road, Fleetwood, FY7 8AS |
| 19 May 2027 | 9.15am – 11.45am | Fairfield Nursery School, Fairfield Street, Accrington, BB5 0LD |
| 19 May 2027 | 1.15pm – 3.45pm | Fairfield Nursery School, Fairfield Street, Accrington, BB5 0LD |
| 20 May 2027 | 9.15am – 11.45am | Lancashire Football Association, Thurston Road, Leyland, PR25 2LF |
| 20 May 2027 | 1.15pm – 3.45pm | Strawberry Fields Digital Office Park, Chorley, PR7 1PS |
| 25 May 2027 | 9.15am – 11.45am | Fairfield Nursery School, Fairfield Street, Accrington, BB5 0LD |
| 25 May 2027 | 1.15pm – 3.45pm | Fairfield Nursery School, Fairfield Street, Accrington, BB5 0LD |
| 27 May 2027 | 1.15pm – 3.45pm | SHARES Training Facility, Hillside Primary School, Egerton, WN8 6AB |

**Please click here to sign up for one of these sessions**

Yours sincerely

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