



**Welcome to the long-awaited feedback
from Hon Chris Hipkins – Minister for Education.**

The below are extracts, word for word, from the Ministers “PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE”
The document prior to this was a “DRAFT PROPOSAL” 2018.

**Proposal (items being recommended for consideration) dated 18/2/2019
(currently nothing has been changed, any changes will be transitioned
to ensure minimum disruption to services and parents).**

- 1 I seek Cabinet’s agreement to:
 - 1.1 Changes to home-based ECE arising out of the Review of Home-Based ECE (the review)
 - 1.2 Criteria to draw down the Budget 2018 cost adjustment for Home-Based ECE held in contingency aimed at incentivising quality.

Executive summary

- 4 I seek agreement to move towards a qualified home-based ECE workforce, with all educators **eventually** being required to hold, or be actively working toward, a Level 4 ECE qualification..... or higher.

- 7 I propose a suite of changes to strengthen key roles within homebased ECE to allow for improved oversight of the sector
 - 7.1 Introducing new requirements for service providers, including health and safety training and professional development.
 - 7.2 strengthening the oversight role of the teacher-qualified co-ordinator
 - 7.3 strengthening the Education Review Office ‘s role
 - 7.4 see document (improve Ministry oversight)

Transitioning to a fully qualified workforce

43 During the transition period, the Tertiary Education Commission will also work with tertiary education providers to encourage flexible delivery options that allow educators to balance home and work commitments

44 I also realise that a substantial group of educators....., already hold a Level 3 qualification.... I propose that this group of educators are “grand-parented” through recognising their qualification as equivalent to a Level 4 ECE qualification.....

The proposals NOT being recommended (they have been thrown out)

Increasing Visiting Teacher visits

Making Educators become employees

Including Educators children (enrolled at school) part of the 1:4 ratio

How will this affect you?

This is still a “PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE” Currently nothing has been confirmed.

To enable these proposed changes there are many changes to be made at Government level to policy, law, regulations, funding, to name a few. THERE IS A LOT OF WORK YET TO BE DONE.

DON'T PANIC – Just Four Kids already achieves high quality outcomes for children. This is reflected in our ERO report.

WE HAVE TIME – changes will be made in consultation with the homebased sector, and transitioned over a period of time.

Timeframes being discussed

So far a time period of 3 to four years has been floated by the media.

The Just Four Kids team is all over this, we will bring you the FACTS as they come to light from reliable sources.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like a copy of the full proposal please contact Suzy or Gillian.

Keep smiling 😊