



NAFIS CONFERENCE 2025

Day 1 November 25 online

10:00	Lydia Hodges, Head of Coram Family and Childcare	Welcome
10:10-10:30	Maria Sciara, DfE Team Leader: Early Education Entitlements (Disadvantaged children)	Update on take up of the funded entitlements for disadvantaged two-year olds, and the universal 15 hours for three- and four-year-olds
10:30-10:55	Ruth Talbot, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Save The Children	Save The Children's policy and advocacy work
11:00-12:00	Sachin Shah, Mitesh Mistry, and Anca Coman, DfE Best Start in Life team	Best Start in Life (BSiL) Strategy and delivery plans, Best Start Family Hubs expansion, BSiL website/parent hub
12:00-12:15	Comfort break	
12:15-13:00	Glen Jump, Childcare Reform Project Manager and Wendy Ratcliff, Principal Officer, Early Education Policy, Ofsted	New Ofsted grading and evaluation system, and future plans. Registration of childminders operating outside domestic premises
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-15:00	FIS Forum	The FIS Forum will start with a brief overview from Maryam Makki and Paul Herbert, NAFIS Co-Chairs



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Day 2 November 26 online



10:00	Lydia Hodges, Head of Coram Family and Childcare	Welcome back and overview of current policy context
10:15-10:45	Ka Lai Brightley-Hodges, Head of Coram PACEY	Current challenges for childminders. Coram PACEY's work to support childminders
10:45-11:20	Jen Walton, Head of Legal Advice Service, Working Families	The work of Working Families - support to parents (legal advice), work to influence employers and policymakers
11:20-11:30	Comfort break	
	Choose ONE of the two workshops below - both start at 11.30	
11:30-12:20	Workshop Option 1 Dr Sara Bonetti and Ivana La Valle.	Evaluation of the recent London Early Years Foundation (LEYF) pilot of an expanded offer for children with SEND across 4 nurseries
11:30-12:20	Workshop Option 2 Donna Hill, Head of Coram Life Education	SCARF Early Years resource. Practical activities to nurture children's Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED), helping early years providers deliver Good Level of Development (GLD) results
12:20-12:30	Comfort break	
12:30-13:10	NAFIS Awards 2025	Announcement of the winners of this year's NAFIS Awards