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Dear <StdSalutationName>

Changes to childcare registration from 1 September 2008

I am writing to you about new arrangements for your registration with Ofsted as a childcare provider.

In April 2007 we launched the voluntary part of the Childcare Register for childcare providers. From 1 September 2008 this will be joined by:

- the Early Years Register
- the compulsory part of the Childcare Register

Please read the enclosed leaflet *Registration of childcare providers from September 2008* to find out more about the two registers and exemptions to registration.

What we are planning to do

As a registered provider for children under the age of eight, your current registration will remain in place until 31 August 2008.

However, from 1 September 2008 your current registration as a childminder will cease unless you take the actions set out below. This is because we believe that, from the information we hold about your registration, you have **not** cared for children aged under eight since August 2005 or before.

The law now states that where childminders have not cared for children for a period of three years, Ofsted has the power, from 1 September 2008, to remove these providers from the register by either not transferring registration or cancelling registration.¹

We propose **not to** transfer your registration onto the **Early Years Register** or the **compulsory** part of the **Childcare Register** as a **childminder**. This means that from 1 September 2008 you will no longer be registered as a childminder and you can no longer care for children where registration is required for you to do so. Should you wish to care for children aged under eight in the future you would need to make a new application to register.

You do not need to take any action if this is correct.

You should take action if you believe that our proposal is **not correct** because:

- you are caring for children aged under eight
- you have provided care for children aged under eight since August 2005
- you will provide care for children aged under eight between now and September 2008.

If any of the above categories apply to you, please complete the attached form and return it to us in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please contact us on 08456 404040 or email enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk. You can write to us at:

The National Business Unit
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The Royal Exchange Buildings
St Ann's Square
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¹ Section 68(3)and(4) of the Childcare Act 2006

What happens next

- We will continue to provide regular updates about our early years work. At present, we have a free online newsletter, *Ofsted News*, for anyone interested in childcare and education. To subscribe to *Ofsted News*, visit <http://live.ofsted.gov.uk/newsletter/>. To read the latest issue, visit <http://ofstednews.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Hart". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that serves as a separator.

Michael Hart
Director, Children

Changes to childcare registration from 1 September 2008 – reply form

Registration details

URN: <URN>
Setting name: <Setting name>
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1. Change to your childcare registration

If you believe that our proposal regarding your childcare registration is incorrect, please state the reason(s) in the space below (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

If you do not respond to this letter we will assume that our proposal regarding your registration on the new registers is correct.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____