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Dear Members,

Further to previous updates relating to the status of the provider as a funded 1140 hours Early Learning and Child care provider I confirm that while Bright Stars had threated Judicial Review of our decision however following discussions between our respective Advocates Bright Stars have chosen not to pursue this further.

Accordingly, we are now progressing with the formal cessation of funding from all four of the Bright Stars settings namely: Pear Tree settings at West Road, Haddington; Church Street, Haddington; and Meadowpark, Haddington and the Pumpkin Patch in North Berwick. The 1140 funding will cease to be provided from 7 October 2022.

We are now taking steps to inform parents of the decision and have a dedicated website with frequently asked questions to assist parents and carers on next steps that they propose to take. We are also ready with a team to take calls. I would ask that if approached by parents you direct them in the first instance to our web page to ensure that we are all providing a consistent message to parents and carers at what will undoubtedly be a challenging time.

If you have any further questions on this please do not hesitate to contact myself, or

Kind Regards

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