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Dear Reader

Welcome to this edition of 'Alana', the newsletter of the Centre for Early Childhood Development and Education (CECDE).

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Department of Education and Science informed the Board of the CECDE of their decision to discontinue the remit of the Centre for Early Childhood Development and Education from September 30<sup>th</sup> 2008. Over the next two months we will be winding up the business of the CECDE and will formally close on November 30<sup>th</sup> 2008.

The Department of Education and Science also stated: "With the development of the National Quality Framework, the advancement of quality provision in Early Childhood Education is now at an implementation phase. It is considered that this implementation phase should be managed by a central Government Department."

The content of this edition of 'Alana' was completed before September 19<sup>th</sup> and has to be interpreted in this new context.

Regards,



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