Dear

**SNP Conference 2022: Potential resolution # ‘23 Raising the formal school-start age’**

As one of your constituents, I am writing to urge you to support the above resolution. It has been widely covered in the press (e.g. [The National](https://www.thenational.scot/news/20590243.proposal-raise-scotlands-school-starting-age-part-national-discussion/) and [The Herald](https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/20589149.kathleen-nutt-raising-school-age-line-eu-right-move/)) andI firmly believe that the introduction of a fully-funded kindergarten stage would have significant impact on the mental and physical health of the next generation, as well as improving educational outcomes.

From my own personal experience as a ……. I have found that ….. *[please complete this if possible, because personal experience has more impact than a formatted letter]*

[Considerable international evidence](https://upstart.scot/the-evidence/) shows that a relationship-centred, play-based kindergarten stage is the best way to enhance child development and provide a sound foundation for lifelong learning. At a time when the effects of the COVID pandemic on the overall development of Scotland’s youngest children are described in a [Public Health Scotland report](https://www.scotphn.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022_02_28-Ensuring-our-future-addressing-the-impact-of-COVID-19-on-children-young-people-and-their-families-Feb22-English.pdf) as ‘potentially catastrophic’ we urgently need to adopt this policy.

I urge you to look at the Upstart Scotland website wwwupstart.scot or to read [Play is the Way](https://upstart.scot/play-is-the-way/) (Postcards from Scotland, 2021) if you are undecided as to the benefits this policy could have for our country now and in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours sincerely

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Address.