

# Politics Unpacked



The UK political landscape is diverse, with a wide range of established and emerging political parties, each with its own set of policies and ideologies. Here's a brief overview of some of the major UK political parties and their key policies, along with their plans for the early years sector:



## Conservative Party

Ideologies in tradition, lawful social order and economic liberty.

Policies:

- Low taxation for market competition.
- Aiming to reduce illegal immigration.
- Emphasis on law and order, increasing police spends and cutting taxes.
- Plans of up to 30h/week free childcare for parents of 9-month-olds.
- Pledging £500m to boost hourly funding rate, recruitment help and extra places.

## LABOUR PARTY

Ideologies in individual liberty and equality in a free-market economy.

Policies:

- Effective state-private sector partnership for health, homes and the environment.
- Promise to nationalize energy and offer a 'safer pair of hands' than Conservatives.
- 30 hours funded childcare to help more parents get back to work.
- 100,000 extra places and conversion of spare classrooms into nursery spaces.



## Reform UK

Ideologies in reforming economic and social aspects (formerly called the Brexit Party)

Policies:

- Introducing proportional representation, reducing taxation, and reforming various UK institutions.
- Tackles progressive societal ideals whilst focusing on police resources and fighting criminals.
- No revealed plans for early years and childcare

## Green Party

Ideologies and focus on the environment and sustainability.

Policies:

- Extensive legislation to achieve a net-zero carbon emission country by 2030.
- Support UK's re-entry into European Union.
- Increased taxes on the wealthy.
- Focuses investments on home insulation, modern green technology, new jobs and affordable public transport.
- Commitment to free universal childcare

## Liberal Democrats

Values individual freedom, equality and fair access to public services.

Policies:

- Opposed to Brexit and pledged to cancel it in 2019 general election.
- Support for proportional representation, infrastructure costs & public services.
- Focus on special educational and child-minding as part of early years systems.
- Promises to review rates paid to early years providers for funded childcare.



## Your Voting Checklist:

- ✓ Register to vote
- ✓ Choose in-person or online voting
- ✓ Have your National Insurance number
- ✓ Bring valid ID to vote
- ✓ Decide on your candidate
- ✓ Check polling station details
- ✓ Return postal ballot in time
- ✓ Research local voting regulations

