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**Children in Scotland welcomes 'down-payment' for children
but looks forward to financial commitment from all partners**

Responding to today's budget statement from the Scottish Government, Bronwen Cohen, chief executive of Children in Scotland, said:

"We welcome the recognition of the value of investing in children as well as the significant move towards further devolution in decision making. We particularly welcome the increase in nursery provision and the extension of free school meals to all P1 to P3 pupils. These are an important down-payment in building better childhoods for all Scotland's children."

"However, we will be concerned to see that the overall vision is supported by a comprehensive financial commitment by all partners. We will be looking closely at the detail to see what this means for the overall expenditure for children."