

AGREEMENT REACHED WITH MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT COVERING CHILDCARE CENTRES WELCOMED

Sectorial commitment to retain jobs and guarantee income for carers.

The Malta Chamber of SMEs and the Childcare Centre Providers Association (CCPA) have reached an agreement with the Ministry of Education and Employment, following weeks of negotiations. This agreement will safeguard the sustainability of the centres, putting at rest the worries of owners as well as that of carers working in the centres. Childcare centres employ just over 1000 carers.

Thanks to this agreement no jobs within the industry will be lost and the industry will continue with its efforts of supporting parents and young children remotely, in line with the rest of the education sector. This agreement will also ensure that childcare centres will be ready to reopen immediately, as soon as the Superintendent of Public Health gives the go ahead. This, in order to continue supporting working parents returning to their jobs.

Prior to reaching the agreement, the owners of childcare centres were under great worry and pressure as the future of their centre was unknown.

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They were also unable to inform their employees on the immediate way forward, which would have affected their livelihood.

The sector is now taking a commitment to retain all its full-time and part-time employees and also guarantee their income.

The SME Chamber and the CCPA thank Minister Owen Bonnici for his efforts in reaching this important agreement.

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