

# **SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

### **NURSERY EDUCATION**

The Southwark Diocesan Board of Education re-affirms its commitment to nursery education. This issues from a firm belief in the impact well structured provision makes in the foundation stage, including nursery, on later achievement of pupils. It endorses the view that:

- the number of nursery places should be increased as rapidly as is consistent with standards of accommodation, staffing and other resources;
- that the quality of education offered to the three to five year olds should have the same priority as that given to pupils of statutory and post-statutory age;
- that support should be given to the lobby that the education budget should be re-focused so that more money is spent on pre-statutory education.

January 1995 (Schools Committee)

Revised June 2004 (Schools Committee)