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### UK's largest Nursery Network Recognised for Excellence

We are delighted to announce that for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in succession Bright Horizons has been listed as one of the Top 50 Best Workplaces UK by the Great Place to Work Institute and the Financial Times. To mark this 5 year period of consistent excellence, the Institute has also awarded Bright Horizons a Laureate Award. Throughout this 5 year period Bright Horizons has been the only child care organisation to be listed in the Top 50. This year Bright Horizons achieved 16<sup>th</sup> place in the UK and 31<sup>st</sup> in Europe.

Being a "Best Workplace" matters to us because it measures factors that we consider important to our company, such as credibility, respect, fairness and corporate responsibility. We also believe that being a top employer ourselves best equips us to guide and assist other employers as they strive to support the dependant care needs of their own employees and their families. Bright Horizons has for 20 years has been the child care partner of choice for many leading employers seeking effective and customised child care and dependant care solutions, including workplace nurseries, back-up care and consulting services.

Bright Horizons nurseries are increasingly being recognised for the highest quality of care and education. Compared with national average (as reported by Ofsted in its recently published summary of inspections September 2008 to end March 2010) Bright Horizons has almost double the number of "Outstanding" judgements during the period (19% compared with 10%). We believe that our staff are a key factor in this success and that by providing staff with a "best workplace" culture we help them to in turn make our nurseries great places to be a child.

Carole Edmond, Managing Director, UK, says, "*We have a talented team of people, each bringing something unique to Bright Horizons. We know that we play a part every day in making a real difference to children and families. We all care passionately about what we do and support each other, encouraging professionalism, growth and diversity.*"

About the Best Workplaces List: The Best Workplaces status recognises workplaces where the employees trust the people they work for, have pride in what they do, and enjoy the people they work with. The largest factor in the scoring is an independently conducted employee Trust Index survey, which elicits opinions from a random selection of employees on the company's performance in categories such as credibility, respect, fairness and corporate responsibility.

About Bright Horizons: Bright Horizons Family Solutions is the world's leading provider of employer-sponsored child care, managing 137 nurseries in the UK and Ireland, and over 600 worldwide. Our mission is to provide the highest quality early care and education to each child in our nurseries, every day. [www.brighthorizons.co.uk](http://www.brighthorizons.co.uk)

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