<u>Denbighshire Flying Start celebrates</u> <u>new transport funding</u>

The funds will play an important role in providing transport for those living in the rural county, where families can have limited access to public transport. The money will be used towards purchasing an eight seater MPV.

The MPV will help support:

- Families living in rural areas who are entitled to Outreach assistance in accessing group sessions.
- Support families with children who have additional learning needs, where public transport may not be accessible.
- Midwifery staff will be able to take groups of mums-to-be on a tour of the local maternity unit.

Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services, Julie Morgan, said:

"The additional funding will make a positive difference to families in Denbighshire and those delivering Flying Start services. The Flying Start programme remains an integral part in tackling poverty and we want to ensure that there are no barriers for communities in accessing these vital services."

Cllr Huw Hilditch-Roberts, lead member for Education, Children and Young People, said:

"I welcome this funding which will help increase accessibility to the Flying Start Programme.

"Flying Start is part of the Welsh Government's Early Years Programme for families living within disadvantaged areas of Wales, specifically with children under 4 years of age.

"This will allow us to support families within the Flying Start areas in Denbighshire and those eligible to access our outreach provision to access groups and activities.

"This is part of our work to make our communities more resilient and provide parents with the right support so their children get the best start in life."