The Children's Minister

A New Government

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Children and Families)

Janet Daby MP

A general election happened on July 4th, 2024, which is when people in the country vote to choose who will be their representatives in Parliament (the people who make decisions for the country). This election changed the government from the Conservative Party to the Labour Party. This meant that we got a new Prime Minister and a new Cabinet (senior ministers who lead on specific policy areas such as Health, Transport, Foreign Affairs or Defence).

There's a new person in charge of looking after things related to children and families. Her name is Janet Daby, and she's been given the job of Minister for Children and Families.

Her job is to help improve services for children and families, especially those who need extra support. Here are some of the things she is responsible for:

- Making sure children in care or those who need help get the right support
- Looking after children who can't live with their parents, like those in foster care or being adopted
- Protecting children who are at risk of harm
- Helping families and making sure parents get support
- Improving services for children who come to the country without their families, like unaccompanied asylum-seeking children

Janet Daby has been a Labour MP (Member of Parliament) for Lewisham East since 2018. Minister Daby's first involvement in politics came in 2010 when elected as a Councillor for Whitefoot ward in Lewisham East. In 2012, she was promoted to the Cabinet as the lead for community safety and served as Deputy Mayor of Lewisham in 2018.

As an experienced campaigner, she fought against the closure of Lewisham A&E department. She worked with the Council and housing developers to bring forward plans to build new homes with the support of local residents on the Excalibur Estate. She campaigned to protect local nursery services, to create a strategy to prevent violence against women and girls, and to work with community safety partners to prevent and reduce crime.

Minister Daby is passionate champion of our children and young people. From September 2023 she served as the Shadow Spokesperson for Youth Justice where she has worked to restore trust and to build a more effective justice system for children and young people.