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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Douglas Park Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager and practitioners.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the setting's work.

- The children are very happy, settled and eager to learn. They engage enthusiastically with play both indoors and outside, and benefit from regular visits into the local community. As a result of high-quality learning experiences, children are making very good progress in their learning.
- Practitioners provide a high level of care for children and families. They have developed very positive and productive relationships with parents, carers and the nursery committee. These achievements lay strong foundations for effective learning and teaching.
- Practitioners plan and track children's learning very effectively. They know children very well and plan carefully for each child's individual learning needs. Playroom activities take very good account of children's needs and interests.

The following area for improvement was identified and discussed with the manager/head of setting and a representative from North Ayrshire Council.

- Practitioners should continue with their plans to involve children more in talking about their learning, and making changes to their nursery.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the setting's work using quality indicators from [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) Quality indicators help learning and childcare settings, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Douglas Park Nursery

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Securing children's progress	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and Review | Education Scotland](#)

What happens next?

We are confident that the setting has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. North Ayrshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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HM Inspector