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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Fullwood Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager/head of setting and staff.

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

- The manager and nursery team work well together and have a strong focus on improving outcomes for children and families.
- The caring, nurturing and well-developed relationships between the nursery team, children and families help children to settle well and enjoy their learning.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the manager/head of setting and a representative from North Lanarkshire Council.

- As planned, the manager should ensure practitioners take part in professional learning. The staff team should continue to develop their knowledge of child development and their understanding of their roles in supporting young children's learning.
- With support from the local authority, the manager and staff should continue to develop more robust processes for planning, tracking and monitoring children's learning.
- The manager should ensure practitioners plan experiences that are set at the right level across all areas of the curriculum, with an increased focus on early language and mathematics.

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 Fullwood Nursery

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

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the early learning and childcare setting using the quality indicators from [A quality framework for daycare of children, childminding and school-aged childcare](#). The framework supports settings, providers and inspectors to assess what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each setting, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well early learning and childcare settings are doing. The Care Inspectorate evaluations are also used by local authorities when considering how settings are meeting the national standard for funded early learning and childcare.

The Care Inspectorate's evaluations for the early learning and childcare setting are:

Detailed evaluations	Evaluation
Key question 1: How good is our care, play and learning?	good
1.1 Nurturing care and support	good
1.3 Play and learning	good
Key question 3: How good is our leadership?	good
3.1 Quality assurance and improvement are led well	good

Requirements made by the Care Inspectorate for the early learning and childcare setting.

As a result of the inspection, no requirements were made.

Areas for improvement made by the Care Inspectorate for the early learning and childcare setting.

As a result of the inspection, the following areas for improvement have been made.

To ensure that quality assurance processes impact positively on outcomes for children, they should be developed to become more robust, helping to identify and prioritise improvements needed.

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standards (HSCS) which state that: 'I benefit from a culture of continuous improvement, with the organisation having robust and transparent quality assurance processes'. (HSCS 4.19).

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

[Fullwood Nursery | Inspection Report | 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 Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the setting's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its setting.

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