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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Alphabet Yard. 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.

- Positive, caring relationships between practitioners, children and parents. Children are happy, settled, engage well and enjoy their learning.
- Practitioners' strong focus on children's rights. This helps children to develop self-awareness, independence and important skills for life.
- Children are becoming confident individuals with a positive attitude to learning. They are kind and caring towards each other and show a strong understanding of the importance of the nursery's 'golden values'.

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

- The manager should continue to support practitioners to develop and embed their new approaches to planning children's learning. This should ensure a greater focus on what and how children learn.
- Practitioners should continue to strengthen the quality of children's individual targets. Targets should be specific and measurable to help to ensure children achieve to their full potential.

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 Alphabet Yard

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	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:

[Alphabet Yard | 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. South 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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