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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Cambusbarron Village 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 leadership, drive and passion of the manager to deliver quality early learning and childcare through an outdoor nursery approach. As a result, children learn daily within and from the natural environment.
- Children's woodland experiences and the responsive approach practitioners have to children's interests. This results in motivated children who are adventurous, curious and demonstrate creativity in their play.
- The importance placed on the wellbeing of all. As a result of the clear focus on emotional and physical wellbeing, children develop resilience.
- The community partnerships and investment to support and sustain the outdoor nursery. Ongoing support and contributions from partners are supporting children to become responsible, active citizens within their local community.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the manager and a representative from Stirling Council.

- Continue to develop approaches to evaluate the work of the nursery. This should help plan for continued improvement within the unique outdoor context.
- Develop further planning for children's learning. Practitioners should provide a better balance of responding to children's interests and planning for learning. This should ensure suitable levels of challenge for children to help them make the best possible progress.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some of the setting's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#). Quality indicators help early learning and childcare settings, local authorities and inspectors to judge 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 Scottish early learning and childcare settings are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Cambusbarron Village Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-and-review/find-an-inspection-report/find-an-inspection-report/details?id=85809>

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. Stirling Council will inform parents/carers about the setting's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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