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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bright Sparks Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager, depute manager and staff.

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

- Commitment to continue to improve the quality of children's experiences. Senior leaders support staff very well to gain qualifications and continue to broaden and deepen their professional understanding. This is resulting in ongoing improvements to how staff support children to make progress in their learning.
- Use of the local area to provide children with real-life and meaningful experiences to help them learn. Staff make effective use of the community as a resource to responsively build on and stimulate children's interests.
- Imaginative development of outdoor space to provide a range of learning opportunities. Staff have worked effectively as a team and have used their professional learning to create gardens that meet the needs of different age groups.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to capture what children are learning. This includes ensuring the observations staff make of children's play record the significant learning of each child.
- Increase the challenge children experience in their learning. This should help children make improved progress as a result of their experiences at 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 Bright Sparks Nursery

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: [Bright Sparks 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. The City of Edinburgh 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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