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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Dunscore Pre School Centre. 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.

- A strong sense of community where practitioners foster caring relationships with children and families.
- Children who are happy, confident and developing resilience and perseverance. They come to nursery eager to learn.
- Well-planned visits to the local woods where children are developing a wide range of skills and knowledge.

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

- Practitioners should work with the local authority to develop effective systems for observation, planning and tracking with a stronger focus on children's learning.
- Practitioners need to put in place appropriate next steps for learning to ensure that all children 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 Dunscore Pre School Centre

| Quality indicators | Evaluation |
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| 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 | |

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. Dumfries and Galloway 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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HM Inspector