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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Madras Family Centre. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the head of setting and practitioners.

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

- The warm nurturing ethos throughout the setting, created by senior leaders and practitioners. Children benefit from strong relationships with practitioners who respect and care for them. Children have made close friendships, which are important to them.
- The stimulating indoor and outdoor learning environments, which prompt curiosity and enquiry.
- The dedication of senior leaders and the commitment and resilience of the practitioner team through a period of change. This has ensured children are included, safe and achieving, particularly for those children with additional support needs.
- Led by senior leaders, practitioners are proud of their contribution to the work of the setting through their leadership responsibilities. These are making a difference to children's wellbeing. They are encouraging families and the community to become more involved with the setting again post pandemic.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the head of setting and a representative from East Renfrewshire Council.

- Practitioners should continue to engage with national guidance to develop consistently high quality interactions across the team.
- Continue to develop approaches to planning for learning. This will enable children to lead their own learning in greater depth. It will support practitioners to ensure 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 Madras Family Centre

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page//?id=3581>

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. East Renfrewshire 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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