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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Maxholme Nursery School. 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.

- Children who are confident, happy and enjoy their nursery experiences.
- The nurturing and inclusive culture created by the staff team. This promotes a sense of community where everyone is welcomed and valued.
- The manager who has successfully led the nursery through significant change and has managed transitions well.
- The active role played by the parent management committee and wider parent body. They provide strong support to the manager and practitioners and have secured the future of the nursery, including new permanent premises.

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

- Continue to develop the nursery environment to ensure children have increased and flexible access to learning in all areas, indoors and outdoors.
- Develop approaches for planning, assessing and monitoring the progress children make in their learning. Information gathered should build on what children already know and can do to help them make the maximum progress in their learning.
- Continue to develop understanding of statutory duties to help secure positive outcomes for all children.

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 Maxholme Nursery School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:

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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 Dunbartonshire 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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