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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Heron House Early Years Killearn. 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.

- Confident children who are happy, settled and making good progress in their learning and development as a result of the nurturing approaches of practitioners.
- The welcoming and inclusive environment where the manager and her team have established positive relationships and a strong sense of community with children and their families.
- Commitment and effort of management and practitioners which is bringing about ongoing improvement of the setting and a quality service to children and families.

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

- Continue to strengthen self-evaluation and monitoring including use of How good is our early learning and childcare? to ensure a structured robust approach to identify what is working well and what needs to improve.
- Continue to embed, as planned, processes for planning, tracking and monitoring children's learning to ensure experiences consistently lead to progression in learning across the curriculum.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) Quality indicators help early learning and childcare settings, education 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 evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish early learning and childcare settings are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Heron House Early Years Killearn

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

More detailed summarised inspection findings will be available from <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/stirling/9902060>.

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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