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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bridges Pre-School Nursery Silverburn. 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 nursery's work.

- Friendly, cheery children who arrive at nursery keen to learn.
- The warm, welcoming and inclusive culture in the nursery which is helping children to feel secure and valued. The respectful and strong relationships between children, practitioners and parents which lead to a happy and positive ethos across the nursery.
- The strong sense of teamwork within the nursery. The manager, senior staff and practitioners demonstrate a keen commitment to improve the setting for children and their families.

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

- Senior leaders should continue to work together to improve the quality of observations and how they plan for children's learning. In doing so, they need to improve how they measure, track and record children's progress.
- Increase opportunities for children to develop further their literacy and numeracy skills in a planned and progressive way. This is to ensure children make the best possible progress in their learning.
- Develop further approaches to evaluating the work of the nursery to have a better understanding of what is going well and what needs to improve. This will help to identify more effectively clear priorities for improvement.

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 Bridges Pre-School Nursery Silverburn

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:

[Bridges Pre-School Nursery Silverburn | 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. Aberdeen City 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