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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Colinton Private Nursery. 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 treat each other and adults with respect. They play well together. This helps create nurturing and calm environment for learning which supports children to make good progress.
- Practitioners and senior leaders who have a good understanding of the needs of individual children and families. This is helping them to provide sensitive and caring support.
- Recently developed snack and lunch routines that provide a relaxed experience and a range of learning opportunities. This is supporting children to make choices and develop independence and social skills.

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

- Continue to develop approaches for planning, assessing and monitoring the progress children make in their learning. This should build on what children already know and can do to help them make the best possible progress in their learning.

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 Colinton Private Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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. The City of Edinburgh 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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