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Dear Parent/Carer

In July 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Heads of Ayr Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager and staff.

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

- The caring, nurturing relationships between practitioners, parents and children. As a result, children are happy, settled and developing their confidence well through play.
- The supportive nursery management team and practitioners who work well together and are committed to improving outcomes for children and families.
- The wide variety of exciting experiences provided for children in the outdoor area. These opportunities are helping children to make good progress in their learning and develop skills for life such as resilience and problem-solving.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to planning to ensure they are responsive to children's interests and build effectively on what they have learned.
- Practitioners should explore how they can involve children more fully in planning for and reflecting on their learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the setting's work using quality indicators from [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#). Quality indicators help learning and childcare settings, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Heads of Ayr Nursery

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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: [Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and review](#) | [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. South Ayrshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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HM Inspector