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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kilbarchan Community Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager/head of setting and staff.

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

- Nurturing, respectful relationships permeate the nursery and create a gentle relaxed environment. This enables children and their families to settle quickly and feel valued. The quality of teamwork amongst managers, practitioners and staff and their openness with families creates a strong sense of community.
- Children are enthusiastic and benefit from warm friendships. This enables them to play cooperatively and take forward their interests together. They choose from a wide range of attractive learning spaces indoors and outdoors in the garden and local area.
- The dedication and willingness of the new management team to collaborate with practitioners and outside professionals to improve outcomes for children.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the manager/head of setting and a representative from Renfrewshire Council.

- Continue to improve further the quality of interactions between practitioners and children to ensure greater engagement, support and challenge for all children.
- With the guidance of managers and local authority representatives continue to improve the quality of observation, planning for learning and tracking children's progress. This will ensure all children make the sustained progress they are capable of.

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 Kilbarchan Community 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:
[Kilbarchan Community Nursery | Inspection Report | 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. Renfrewshire 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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