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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Wee Scones 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.

- The welcoming ethos where children and families are valued and respected. As part of this, transition arrangements from home are managed well to support children when they are new to Wee Scones Nursery.
- Friendly, well-behaved children.
- The new manager and practitioners who are keen to improve the setting to deliver high-quality early learning and childcare.

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

- Increase practitioners' knowledge and understanding of current approaches in early learning and childcare to secure the best possible outcomes for children. Importantly, practitioners should make improved use of question and dialogue to support children's level of engagement and concentration in play.
- Continue to review and refresh the learning environment both indoors and outside to maximise the potential for learning for all children.
- Develop approaches to planning, observing and tracking children's learning to ensure sufficient depth and challenge is offered. This will help children make the very best progress they are capable of.
- Develop further the use of national guidance to support the development of systematic and rigorous approaches for monitoring and self-evaluation. Ensure these processes lead to identifying key priorities of the setting and target improving outcomes for children's learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some the settings 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 Wee Scones Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>satisfactory</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>	

More detailed summarised inspection findings will be available from <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/east-lothian/9903161>.

### What happens next?

In the period between our visit and publication of this letter a decision was made by the proprietors to close the nursery as of July 2018. New proprietors have taken over the nursery and it is now to be registered as a different setting. As a result, we will undertake no further inspection activity with this setting as a result of this visit.

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