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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Newington 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.

- Enthusiastic, highly engaged children who confidently explore the learning spaces in the playroom and outdoors. They play well together and display creativity and imagination with the many resources on offer.
- Very positive relationships between practitioners and children. These create a nurturing and supportive environment for learning.
- Successful developments to further improve learning, teaching and assessment, led by the recently appointed manager and practitioners. These have included a detailed action plan which is being implemented effectively.

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

- Further develop approaches to assessment to ensure that the progress of individual children can be tracked accurately over time. This will support practitioners to identify children who may need additional support or challenge in their learning.
- Continue as planned to develop literacy and numeracy in play spaces both indoors and outside.

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 Newington Nursery

Quality indicators for the early learning and childcare stages	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	

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the early learning and childcare setting using the quality indicators from [A quality framework for daycare of children, childminding and school-aged childcare](#). The framework supports settings, providers and inspectors to assess 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 early learning and childcare settings are doing. The Care Inspectorate evaluations are also used by local authorities when considering how settings are meeting the national standard for funded early learning and childcare.

The Care Inspectorate's evaluations for the early learning and childcare setting are:

Key question 1: How good is our care, play and learning?	good
Nurturing care and support	good
1.3 Play and learning	good
Key question 3: How good is our leadership?	good
3.1 Quality assurance and improvement are led well	good

Requirements made by the Care Inspectorate for the early learning and childcare setting.

As a result of the inspection, no requirements were made.

Areas for improvement made by the Care Inspectorate for the early learning and childcare setting.

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Previous requirements made by the Care Inspectorate for the early learning and childcare setting.

Requirements:

The provider must ensure that the infection control policy is reviewed and updated to contain all relevant information relating to infection control. Appropriate procedures must be in place for hand washing after playing outdoors.

This is in order to comply with:

The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011

SSI 2011/210 Regulation 4(1)(a)&(d) Welfare of users.

Timescale for implementation: within seven days of receipt of this report.

The requirement was met. This resulted in enhanced health and wellbeing of children through effective infection prevention and control measures.

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. 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 setting.

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