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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Tom Thumb Nursery and Playgroup. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the management team and practitioners.

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

- The positive approach taken by the management team to support and develop the newly formed staff team. This is building the team's confidence and capacity for further improvement.
- The positive and trusting relationships developed with parents and children. This results in a warm, welcoming and relaxed environment where children are settled and feel secure.
- The effective use of the community to enrich children's experiences. These opportunities support children well to become familiar with the local area and its landmarks.

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

- Improve further approaches to planning and ensuring children continue to make progress in their learning. This should have a clearer focus on developing the necessary skills to support all areas of children's learning and development.
- Continue to deepen the team's understanding of approaches that could improve further the quality of children's experiences. This should help to provide rich experiences that offer suitable levels of challenge which results in deeper levels of engagement.
- With the help of the local authority, implement robust systems and approaches, to ensure clear procedures are in place to support the wellbeing of all children.

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 Tom Thumb Nursery and Playgroup Ltd

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
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. 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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