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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2025, an inspector from Education Scotland visited Mothergoose Playgroup. 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.

- Children who are curious and confident. They are learning to play well together and make strong progress in their learning because of their playgroup experiences.
- Enthusiastic practitioners, who are led effectively by the manager. They work very well as a team and have trusting and respectful relationships with children and families.
- Practitioners interact with children in a very calm and supportive way. This ensures children are happy, settled and ready to learn at playgroup.
- The creative development of spaces for learning. Practitioners have created interesting environments, indoors and outdoors, that support children to explore and increasingly lead their own learning.

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

- Continue to improve approaches to how staff plan, observe and record children's learning. This should build on the effective way practitioners already respond to children's interests.

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 Mothergoose Playgroup

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: [Mothergoose Playgroup and Toddlers Group | 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. Angus 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