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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, an inspector from Education Scotland visited Sunshine Playschool. During the visit, I talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager and practitioners.

The inspector found the following strengths in the setting's work.

- The leadership of the manager and her focus on professional learning. As a result, the staff team continue to deepen their knowledge to provide good quality early learning and childcare.
- The positive relationship between staff, children and parents. The manager and practitioners have created a friendly, welcoming and nurturing playschool. This approach reassures children and helps them to settle well and feel secure.
- The range of children's experiences provided both indoors and outdoors. The manager and practitioners ensure these experiences take good account of how children learn.

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

- The team should make more effective use of the evidence they gather to determine what is working well in the setting and what could improve further. This should inform future priorities that support the improvement of the playschool at a quicker pace.
- Increase the range of resources provided over the week to extend children's imaginative play and problem solving skills. This should give children greater levels of challenge in their play.

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 Sunshine Playschool

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:

[Sunshine Playschool | 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 setting's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

Sandra Kehoe
HM Inspector