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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate visited Carousel Child Care. 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.

- Positive, caring relationships between practitioners, children and parents resulting in a nurturing supportive ethos where children learn and develop.
- An effective manager and practitioners who work well as a team to provide a caring, responsive service for children and their parents.
- Confident children who are developing friendships and enjoy engaging with practitioners as they take part in an interesting range of experiences provided by the setting.

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

- Continue to develop processes for observation, planning, tracking and monitoring of children's learning and development to ensure they are all making the progress they are capable of.
- Support practitioners to develop their knowledge and understanding of how young children learn. This will help them to provide more appropriate experiences across the curriculum for all children.
- Continue to build on the positive start made to developing the indoor and outdoor environment to increase the opportunities for children to develop creativity and learn through inquiry and investigation.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate 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 Carousel Child Care

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

Here are the Care Inspectorate's grading for the setting

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	good
Quality of environment	good
Quality of staffing	good
Quality of management and leadership	good

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the setting:

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and no recommendations. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

More detailed Summarised Inspection Findings will be available from <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/falkirk/5759218> and the [Care Inspectorate website](#).

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. Falkirk 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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