

19 August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2025, an inspector from Education Scotland visited Children's Hour Nursery. During the visit, she talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the nursery manager, area manager and staff.

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

- Children who are confident, happy and enjoy their nursery experiences. They engage well with their play and show creativity and imagination, using a range of resources which promote open-ended learning.
- The nurturing and inclusive ethos created by the manager and practitioners. This promotes a sense of community where everyone is welcomed and valued.
- The effective use of the local community to enrich children's learning. They benefit from an extensive range of visits which develop their physical skills, resilience and awareness of the wider world.
- The highly effective arrangements for tracking children's learning to ensure they are progressing securely through Curriculum for Excellence. All children benefit from appropriate individual learning pathways, including those requiring additional support for their learning.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the manager/head of setting and a representative from West Dunbartonshire Council.

- Continue to develop procedures for further improvements to planning and assessment. These enhancements should focus on identifying next steps in children's learning, ensuring further challenge to children who require it.

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 Children's Hour Nursery

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Children's Hour Nursery | 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. West Dunbartonshire 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