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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited West Kilbride Early Years Centre. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager of the setting and staff.

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

- Children who are motivated and engrossed in their learning. They demonstrate respect and kindness towards each other. Children are curious and enjoy inventing new ways to learn as they explore the inspiring learning environments indoors and outdoors.
- The warm, nurturing ethos across the nursery developed by the manager and all staff. Practitioners in the nursery know their children and families well. They work very effectively as a team to support children to make very good progress in their learning.
- Children's use of digital technology. They use a range of digital technologies, such as tablets and cameras, to extend their learning and make it highly enjoyable.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the manager of the setting and a representative from North Ayrshire Council.

- Continue to develop consistency in recording children's learning. Practitioners should continue to help children to understand and talk with more detail about what they have learned and about their next steps in learning.

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 West Kilbride Early Years Centre.

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Securing children's progress	very 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: [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. North Ayrshire 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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