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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Fishbowl Nursery. 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.

- Children are happy and settled at nursery. They enjoy positive learning experiences both indoors and outdoors and are confident exploring resources and spaces.
- The manager and practitioners show care and concern for children and parents and treat them with respect. The staff team have developed strong partnerships with families, communicating effectively with them and encouraging their involvement in nursery events.

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

- Improve curriculum planning to increase the breadth of children's experiences and strengthen approaches to assessing and tracking children's progress.
- Ensure that strategic leadership builds on robust monitoring and evaluation of learning, teaching and attainment. The manager and practitioners should make more effective use of national guidance to achieve improvements in spaces, experiences and interactions.
- Use both indoor and outdoor spaces to improve children's experiences and progress in literacy and numeracy.

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 Fishbowl Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
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:

[Fishbowl 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. Fife 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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HM Inspector