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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bruce 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 who are confident, articulate and enthusiastic about their nursery experiences. They arrive at the nursery eager and ready to learn.
- Very positive relationships between children, practitioners and families that create a welcoming and supportive ethos where everyone is made to feel welcome. Responsive and nurturing interactions help children feel secure.
- The developing use of floorbooks as an approach to support the involvement of children in their learning. This is providing children with opportunities to talk about and reflect on their learning.
- Ongoing commitment to supporting professional learning towards initial and further qualifications. This is supporting the creation of a stable and skilled team, which provides continuity for children and families.

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

- As planned, review and refresh the vision, values and aims. This should underpin the work of the nursery through shared expectations and suitably high aspirations for all children.
- Develop self-evaluation to have a sharper focus on learning and teaching. This needs to promote a greater consistency in the quality of children's experiences particularly in the pre-school room.
- Continue to develop and deepen practitioners' knowledge and understanding of national guidance in order to improve the curriculum and learning and teaching approaches.

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 Bruce Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/aberdeen-city/5250110>

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. Aberdeen City 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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