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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Morningside Children's 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.

- The leadership of the manager who supports practitioners to work effectively as a team and encourages them to continually improve their practice.
- The warm, nurturing ethos in the nursery. Children benefit from supportive relationships with the manager and practitioners, who respect and care for them well.
- The nursery's commitment to working in partnership with parents and carers leads to strong relationships between families and the nursery.

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

- Develop practitioner's high-quality interactions with children more consistently across the playrooms. This will help practitioners ensure that children make the best possible progress in their learning and wellbeing.
- Continue to develop approaches to planning and assessment. There is a need for practitioners to gain clearer understanding of children's next steps in learning and their progress over time.

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 Morningside Children's Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>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: [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. The City of Edinburgh 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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