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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Clarkston Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager and staff.

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

- A caring manager and nursery team who work well together to create a nurturing ethos where all children and parents are welcomed and respected.
- Happy children who are confident, articulate, enjoy coming to nursery and are developing meaningful friendships.
- The variety of good quality well-planned learning experiences linking to children's interests. As a result, children are making good progress in their learning.

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

- Continue to improve approaches to observing and recording children's significant learning. This will help practitioners to plan more focused next steps for individual children.
- Building on the responsive approach to planning, practitioners should now find ways to involve children more fully in planning their learning. This will help children to start to reflect more effectively on their 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 Clarkston Nursery

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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. East Renfrewshire 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