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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Arnhall Day 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 happy and confident in the setting and demonstrate enthusiasm for learning. Outdoor experiences which promote children's creativity, curiosity and independence well.
- The caring, nurturing ethos created by senior leaders and practitioners. This enables children and families to feel welcomed and valued, and supports children's wellbeing very well.
- The supportive management team and enthusiastic practitioners who work to improve the service for children and families.

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

- Continue to develop processes for planning, tracking and monitoring of children's learning to ensure experiences consistently lead to progression in learning across the curriculum.
- Continue to improve self-evaluation for improvement to plan, coordinate and measure the impact of change.

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 Arnhall Day Nursery

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

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/stirling/5720613>

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. Stirling 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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