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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Andrews Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the headteacher and practitioners.

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

- Children who are settled and happy as a result of positive, trusting relationships. The caring and nurturing ethos created for children and their families.
- The senior leadership team who effectively lead and motivate an enthusiastic team of practitioners.
- Practitioners creative use of the environment both indoors and outdoors which promotes and supports children's thinking, curiosity and enquiry.

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

- The senior leadership team and practitioners should take steps to improve children's progress. These steps should be carefully monitored and evaluated regularly with children and parents.
- Continue as planned to deepen individual children's learning, building on their interests and what they already know.
- The senior leadership team should review the individual plans for children with additional support needs to ensure that next steps are clear and monitored to ensure they help children to make the best possible progress. They should also continue to work closely with key partners on the agreed next steps.

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 St Andrews Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
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: [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. 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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