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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Clyde Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents and children and worked closely with the manager and staff.

The early learning and childcare setting was inspected as part of Education Scotland's pilot inspection phase using the Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors.

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

- The friendly and welcoming environment created through strong, trusting relationships between staff, children, parents and partners. Children are happy, settled and making friends while at nursery.
- The support offered to children, families and staff when parents are working away from home. The manager and staff are very aware of the help that families and other staff may need during these times.

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

- Improve the curriculum, and develop further, learning spaces and experiences that support the varying developmental stages of children. Staff should use national guidance more effectively to deepen their knowledge of best practice in early learning and childcare.
- Improve approaches to planning, focussing on children's learning and development. This should help staff develop further the quality of their observations and identify clearer next steps for children. By doing this, staff should be able to track children's progress more accurately.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the ELC's work using three quality indicators from the Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors. As this inspection is part of Education Scotland's pilot inspection phase using the Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors, these quality indicators have not been graded.

Quality indicators for the nursery class
Curriculum
Learning, teaching and assessment
Wellbeing, inclusion and equality

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. Argyll and Bute Council will inform parents about the setting's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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