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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Eliburn Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- Senior leaders and practitioners foster nurturing, positive and caring relationships with children across the setting. As a result, children are highly motivated and engage purposefully with their learning through play.
- Senior leaders and staff use robust and highly effective processes to measure children's progress in learning and attainment over time. They demonstrate clearly the very good progress children make over time as a result.
- The highly skilled practitioners provide a wide range of inspiring and exciting play learning experiences which promote children's curiosity and enquiry within their environment.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the manager/head of setting and a representative from West Lothian Council.

- Practitioners should continue to build on and develop further the high-quality early learning that children experience across the nursery setting. This should include appropriate challenge for all children.
- Senior leaders should develop further their approaches to tracking children's wider achievements beyond the setting. This will help practitioners to know the skills children develop and the progress they make in learning beyond the nursery.

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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 Eliburn Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**very good**
Securing children's progress	**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: 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. West Lothian Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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