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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Crewe Road Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the owner/manager and practitioners.

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

- Staff have established calm routines which helps children settle in the welcoming and nurturing environment. Children are happy, engage confidently and take part in a range of experiences indoors and outdoors.
- Senior leaders and staff have developed strong, trusting relationships with children and families. This results in strong partnerships and smooth transitions between home and nursery. Staff's positive relationships with parents helps children feel secure, settled and valued.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the owner/manager and a representative from The City of Edinburgh Council.

- Senior leaders and staff should improve further their approaches to observing and recording individual children's progress in learning. In doing so, they should ensure approaches are manageable and consistently support the identification of all children's next steps in learning.
- Senior leaders and staff need to strengthen further approaches to documenting information about children's care and learning. They should ensure systems are systematic and well organised. This should ensure legislative requirements are met consistently to support staff to secure positive outcomes for all children.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some of the setting's work using three quality indicators from Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors. 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 HMIE's evaluations for Crewe Road Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Curriculum	**satisfactory**
Learning, teaching and assessment	**satisfactory**
Wellbeing, inclusion and equality	**satisfactory**
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at:
Crewe Road Nursery | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in 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. The City of Edinburgh 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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HM Inspector

On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland

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