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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Wonder Woods Woodland Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager and staff.

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

- Children are happy, settled and secure at nursery. They confidently explore outdoors and show sustained interest in the woodland environments. They have a very good knowledge of wildlife and the natural world.

- Relationships between practitioners and children are positive and supportive. This creates a calm and nurturing environment which supports children's learning effectively.

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

- Improve assessment procedures, and the balance between learning prompted by adults and learning directed by children. This will support the team of staff to track children's progress over time and ensure greater breadth and depth in their learning.

- Improve the experiences in literacy and numeracy in the outdoor setting. This will help children to make better progress in these key aspects of learning and development.

- Review and improve children's experiences. The management group should ensure the woodland spaces are capable of delivering the full early years curriculum in a safe environment.

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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 Wonder Woods Woodland Nursery

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**satisfactory**
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: Wonder Woods Woodland Nursery | Inspection Report | 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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HM Inspector

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