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Dear Parent/Carer

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

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

- The staff make good use of the immediate and wider community to enrich the curriculum and extend children's experiences. Children develop a range of skills and are enthusiastic about the real-life experiences on offer.

- The wellbeing of all is a priority for the manager and staff team. The staff team are confidently led by a manager who creates a welcoming, supportive nursery community and a safe space for staff and children to learn together.

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

- The manager and staff have begun to make improvements to the learning environment. They should now continue to enrich learning opportunities within all areas of the nursery to ensure all children receive a broad and balanced curriculum.

- The manager and staff should review systems for planning for learning. They should ensure there is a clear focus on the range of high-quality experiences they will provide for all children, linked to the development of skills.

- Senior leaders and staff should put in place next steps in learning for all children. This should ensure children receive the correct level of support to build on what they already know and enable them to make the best possible progress.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some of the setting's work using three quality indicators from the 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 Buttons and Bows Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Curriculum	**satisfactory**
Learning, teaching and assessment	**satisfactory**
Wellbeing, inclusion and equality	**good**
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: Buttons and Bows 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. Dundee City 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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On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland

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