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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Flowerbank Early Childhood Centre. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the head of centre and staff.

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

- Confident, happy children who are excited to be at nursery. They are developing important skills for life and making very good progress in their learning.
- Practitioners who are professional and enthusiastic. They interact sensitively and skilfully with children to extend and consolidate their learning. Children benefit from the high-quality, meaningful learning experiences they provide.
- Practitioners' very well-planned approach to observation and assessment of children. This input ensures the needs of all children are met very effectively. This includes children who have barriers to their learning and those who need extra challenge.
- Relationships throughout the centre and with parents are highly respectful and nurturing. Everyone works together very effectively to ensure the centre is a happy place where children and families thrive.

The following area for improvement was identified and discussed with the head of centre and a representative from East Ayrshire Council.

- As planned, practitioners should progress with plans to review and refresh spaces. Creating exciting zones of learning will support them to further increase the depth and challenge in learning for children.

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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 Flowerbank Early Childhood Centre

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: 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. East Ayrshire 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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