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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Little Flyers @ Livingston. 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.

- Children who are confident and friendly. They are curious and are becoming increasingly independent and resilient in their learning.
- Nurturing relationships that help children to feel settled and ready to learn. Senior leaders and staff carefully prioritise the care and wellbeing of children, families and each other.
- The development of outdoor space to enhance children's experiences. Staff have worked successfully with children to create spaces that support children to be active, creative and curious.

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

- Increase the use of digital technology to support and extend children's learning. Staff should use technology to support children to develop the skills and knowledge they need in today's world.
- Senior leaders need to suport staff to continue to develop their skills in interacting with children. Staff should build on existing nurturing approaches to ensure a sharp focus on supporting, extending and challenging children's learning.
- Develop the use of assessment information to identify what children need to learn next. This includes identifying where children may have gaps in their experiences and understanding to ensure they learn in all areas of the curriculum.

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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 Little Flyers @ Livingston

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:
Little Flyers @ Livingston | 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. West Lothian 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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