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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Old Doune Road Nursery Ltd. 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.

- Happy, settled children who are highly motivated and eager to explore the spaces both indoors and outside. They play very well together and display creativity and imagination as they engage in their learning experiences.
- Caring staff who have created a nurturing and supportive environment for learning. They interact effectively with children, skilfully planning play spaces to take account of children's ideas and interests.
- Very effective procedures for checking children's progress. Staff understand children well as learners. Their robust assessment procedures confirm that children are making very good progress in all areas of their development.

The following area for improvement was identified and discussed with the manager and a representative from Stirling Council.

- Continue as planned to track children's learning through the early level experiences and outcomes. This will support staff to ensure that children experience depth and breadth in their learning.

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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 Old Doune Road Nursery Ltd

Quality indicators for the early learning and childcare stages	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	

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the early learning and childcare setting using the quality indicators from A quality framework for daycare of children, childminding and school-aged childcare. The framework supports settings, providers and inspectors to assess 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 early learning and childcare settings are doing. The Care Inspectorate evaluations are also used by local authorities when considering how settings are meeting the national standard for funded early learning and childcare.

The Care Inspectorate's evaluations for the early learning and childcare setting are:

Detailed evaluations	Evaluation
Key question 1: How good is our care, play and learning?	**very good**
1.1 Nurturing care and support	**very good**
1.3 Play and learning	**very good**
Key question 3: How good is our leadership?	**very good**
3.1 Quality assurance and improvement are led well	**very good**

Requirements made by the Care Inspectorate for the early learning and childcare setting.

As a result of the inspection, no requirements were made.

Areas for improvement made by the Care Inspectorate for the early learning and childcare setting.

As a result of the inspection, no areas for improvement were made.

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: Reports page | Inspection reports | Education Scotland.

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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. Stirling 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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