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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited The Pumpkin Patch Nursery (Scotland) Ltd. 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.

- Confident, happy and articulate children who enjoy nursery and have fun as they explore their local community. They are keen to learn and benefit from learning in the local area regularly.
- Staff who work well together to foster open, trusting, respectful relationships with children, families and one another. Children feel secure, settled and quickly develop close friendships with each other.

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

- Staff need to work with children, parents and partners to explore and review the curriculum to ensure it takes full account of children's prior learning. This should support staff to plan for children's learning more effectively.
- Staff should make better use of their interactions, experiences and spaces to support and extend children's learning. They should ensure planning helps to develop children's skills in a more progressive way. This should include those who require increased challenge in their learning.

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 Pumpkin Patch Nursery (Scotland) Ltd

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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | HMIE](#)

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 Lothian Council will inform parents/carers about the setting's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

Simon Gallon
HM Inspector

On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland