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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Westbourne Gardens Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the head of setting and practitioners.

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

- Highly positive relationships between practitioners, children and families. Children are supported and included as individuals. The welcoming and relaxed play environment supports children to feel secure. Children develop independence, make friends and are enthusiastic learners.

- The team's effective work with local community partners to provide a wide range of motivating, real-life learning experiences. Children enjoy learning about, and caring for, the environment in their community garden. Children develop their creativity and skills for life and work in work with local charities.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the head of setting and a representative from Glasgow City Council.

- Practitioners should develop further approaches to how they observe, record and share information about children's learning and progress. They should use the information gathered to inform their interactions and planning to ensure all experiences are challenging enough for all children.

- Senior leaders should support practitioners to make use of a wider range of self-evaluation activities. The team should build more effectively on what children already know and can do.

- The team should develop their understanding of the full range of statutory duties to improve how they record important information about children and their needs.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some of the setting's work using four quality indicators from How good is our early learning and childcare?. 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 Education Scotland's evaluations for Westbourne Gardens Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	**satisfactory**
Learning, teaching and assessment	**satisfactory**
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**good**
Securing children's progress	**satisfactory**
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: Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and review | 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. Glasgow 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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