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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Blossom Tree Children's Nursery Limited. 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.

- Staff have established positive relationships with children and have created a welcoming nurturing environment for them to play. This is helping children to feel safe, secure and comfortable within the nursery.

- Staff provide a range of interesting experiences for children to explore and investigate. As a result, children are highly motivated and engage well in their play.

- The recently appointed senior leaders have a clear vision for improvement. They have made a positive start to developing processes to ensure the smooth running of the nursery.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the manager and a representative from The City of Edinburgh Council.

- Senior leaders and staff need to improve the quality of the curriculum offered to children. Children need to develop a wider range of skills through a curriculum that offers depth, challenge and progression. Staff will require support to build their knowledge and confidence to implement the curriculum.

- The staff team should improve further their approaches to planning and assessing children's learning. Senior leaders should support staff to improve their skills in observing, extending and documenting children's learning. Staff need to identify clearly children's learning and possible next steps to help them make progress.

- Senior leaders and staff should improve their approaches to monitoring and checking children's progress. They need to ensure that the information they gather on children's learning is accurate and demonstrates the progress children make as a result of their nursery experience.

- Senior leaders and staff should continue to improve partnerships with parents to engage them more fully in the life of the setting. This should include improved communication with parents and involve them meaningfully in their child's learning.

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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 Blossom Tree Children's Nursery Limited

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Curriculum	**weak**
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: Blossom Tree Children's Nursery Limited | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the setting needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with The City of Edinburgh Council regarding the setting's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the setting within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with The City of Edinburgh Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the setting, we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the setting has made.

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

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