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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Glasgow University Nursery. 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.

- The nurturing and inclusive ethos created by the manager and practitioners. This promotes a keen sense of community between children, parents, staff and students at the University. Practitioners identify and take good account of children's individual interests and cultural backgrounds to help them learn.

- Highly effective partnership working with Glasgow University. The team utilise the campus grounds very well to motivate and inspire children to learn. Practitioners collaborate regularly with researchers, students and specialists to offer creative and engaging literacy and expressive arts experiences.

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

- Practitioners should continue to improve their skills in interacting with children to extend and deepen children's thinking. Most children are ready for more challenging opportunities that support them to apply and extend their skills.

- The manager and practitioners should increase the accessibility of information they provide to parents about their child's progress. Practitioners should continue to support children to develop further their understanding of themselves as successful learners.

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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 Glasgow University Nursery

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Securing children's progress	**good**
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:
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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. Glasgow City Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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