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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Beechwood House Nursery. 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.

- Children who are friendly and polite. They have positive relationships with each other, enjoy spending time together and are happy to be at nursery.
- Support for children who require additional help with their learning. Staff provide well-planned and flexible support that meets well the needs of children. They work successfully with other professionals, when required, to ensure children get appropriate support.

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

- Continue to develop environments for learning, indoors and outdoors. Staff should ensure environments provide increased challenge to help children deepen and extend their learning in order to make the best possible progress.
- Develop further the quality of staff interactions. Senior leaders should support staff to build on their existing caring interactions to have a clearer focus on learning. Staff need to use their interactions to provoke opportunities for children to be curious and develop a sense of wonder about the world.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some of the setting's work using two 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 Beechwood House Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
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:
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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. East Ayrshire 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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HM Inspector

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

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