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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Kirktonholme @ Airdrie Childcare. 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.

- Leadership that is impacting positively on the continuous improvement of learning and teaching. Staff are highly motivated and committed to ongoing professional learning which is developing a shared understanding of how young children learn.
- Senior leaders and staff who prioritise the wellbeing of all. The manager and staff have created a welcoming, respectful nursery community where staff and children learn together. Staff work very well together and value positive relationships with each other, with children and with their families. This is leading to a loving and joyful family ethos.
- Transitions that are individualised and take full account of children's needs and circumstances. The staff team use creative and meaningful approaches to ensure seamless transition into nursery and when moving between playrooms.

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

- As planned, continue to develop sustained community partnerships to enrich the curriculum. Staff should build on existing, positive relationships they hold within the community.
- Continue to develop approaches to track children's learning. Staff should ensure next steps are consistently focused and measurable. In doing so, staff should be better placed to evaluate children's progress and ensure appropriate levels of support and challenge.

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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 Kirktonholme @ Airdrie Childcare

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Curriculum	**good**
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
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: Kirktonholme @ Airdrie Childcare | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in 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. North Lanarkshire 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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On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland

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