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Dear Parent/Carer

In August 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Dunbeth Family Learning Centre. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the head of centre and practitioners.

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

- Children who are happy, confident and independent. They thrive in the calm, purposeful and inviting learning spaces.
- Strong leadership, effective teamwork and positive engagement in professional learning to meet children's individual needs. This is leading to positive wellbeing outcomes for children and families.
- Positive and impactful relationships and engagement with families and partners. This results in tailored support to meet a range of individual needs, including high-quality support for children with additional needs in learning.

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

- Staff should continue to develop their approaches in the use of digital technology. In doing so, they should continue to consider the age and developmental stage of all children.
- Staff should continue to review approaches to planning for and capturing children's learning. They should ensure they document clearly children's individual learning to demonstrate progress as a result of their nursery experience.

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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 Dunbeth Family Learning Centre

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Wellbeing, inclusion and equality	**very 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: Reports page | Inspection reports | HMIE

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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