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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Carebears Childrens Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the head of setting and practitioners.

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

- Children and staff who are kind, thoughtful and respectful towards each other. Staff ensure a nurturing and welcoming environment. Children enjoy learning and are proud of their nursery.
- Senior leaders who work closely with staff, children and families to plan what children learn in the nursery. They help create learning experiences and spaces that support children to learn and thrive.
- Staff who work positively with parents to support and extend children's learning. They provide a range of opportunities for parents to engage, participate and offer their views. This helps parents feel well informed, valued and actively involved in their child's learning and development.
- Senior leaders and staff who provide a curriculum enriched by well-planned outdoor learning and purposeful community partnerships. Children experience a broad, relevant and motivating range of learning experiences where they develop their wellbeing and important skills for life and learning.

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

- Senior leaders should continue to improve planning for children who may require additional support with their learning. They should work with parents and partners to bring information together into one manageable plan that identifies children's needs clearly.
- Staff should strengthen approaches to tracking children's learning, including early literacy and numeracy skills. This should help staff identify and plan learning that builds clearly on children's existing skills.

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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 Carebears Childrens Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Curriculum	**very 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:
Carebears Nursery Lasswade | 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. The City of Edinburgh 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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