30 April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Battery Park Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager/head of setting and staff.

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

- Children who are happy, enthusiastic and enjoy their time in nursery.
- Practitioners who work well together to create a welcoming environment for children and their families.
- The recently developed garden space, which enhances children's experiences.

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

- The team should continue to work together to develop their approaches to planning for children's learning to ensure that they offer appropriately challenging experiences.
- Managers and practitioners should continue to review their approaches for checking children's progress in learning. This will ensure that they effectively capture children's progress over time.
- Practitioners should continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of child development, as planned. This will support them to create developmentally appropriate next steps in learning.

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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 Battery Park Nursery

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**satisfactory**
Securing children's progress	**satisfactory**
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: Inspection and review | Education 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. Inverclyde 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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HM Inspector

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