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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Rainbow Kindergarten. 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 confident and polite. They are happy at nursery and engage well with visitors, sharing their thoughts and experiences.
- Staff who work effectively as a team. They support one another well and recognise each other's strengths. Working together, they strive to do their best for children in their care.
- The development of outdoor space. Staff have been creative in ensuring children access a range of learning within a small space. This includes a focus on developing skills in literacy and numeracy.
- Regular use of the community and partnerships with parents to enrich children's experiences. This is helping children understand their local and global community as they develop skills and understanding to become responsible citizens and effective contributors.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to plan for children's learning. Practitioners need to ensure that children are supported to build on what they already know through challenging experiences that enthuse and motivate.
- Develop practitioners' skills further to support and extend children's learning. This should develop and deepen children's learning to support them to make the best possible progress because of their nursery experiences.

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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 Rainbow Kindergarten

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Securing children's progress	**good**
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: Rainbow Kindergarten | Inspection Report | ~~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. The City of Edinburgh 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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