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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Holy Corner Community Playgroup. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager of the playgroup and staff.

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

- The sense of community created by close working relationships between practitioners and families. This has created a nurturing and inclusive ethos that allows children and families to make supportive connections, helping children to learn and be confident.
- The hard work and commitment of the parent committee in developing and sustaining the work of the playgroup. They work very effectively with the dedicated manager and practitioner team. Together, they safeguard the important ethos of the playgroup.
- The creative development of outdoor space to provide a wide range of stimulating learning experiences. Children are curious and excited as they engage in their learning outdoors.

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, observe and record children's learning. This should build on the effective way practitioners respond to and build on children's interests.
- Develop further the use of tools to monitor the progress children make in their learning. Practitioners should use the information gathered to inform what children need to learn next, ensuring they make the best possible progress.

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 Holy Corner Community Playgroup

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:

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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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