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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Seafield 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.

- The nurturing ethos and positive relationships across Seafield Nursery. These relationships ensure that children and their families feel welcomed and valued.
- The dedicated manager and enthusiastic nursery team who are working well together to improve outcomes for children. They develop children's wellbeing well in the welcoming nursery where everyone is valued.
- The effective support children and families receive from practitioners who ensure all children are able to access learning through play. Their interventions result in children who require additional support for learning making very good progress.

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

- The nursery team should review approaches to planning. Practitioners should continue to build on children's interests and what they already know as children play.
- In addition, practitioners should provide increased planned experiences to develop further children's learning across the curriculum.
- Practitioners should develop further their approaches to assessing and tracking children's learning. They should develop how they record and track children's learning and development over time. This will help practitioners to ensure all children make the best possible progress in their learning.

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 Seafield Nursery

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. Moray 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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