

**St Peter's Nursery, Buckie
– EDUCATION SCOTLAND VISIT, NOVEMBER 2022**

Authority commentary on the inspection report

During the inspection the team of inspectors talked to parents/carers, children and practitioners. They met with the Early Years' Service Manager, Continuous Improvement Officer (East) and the Nursery Manager at the beginning of the inspection and gathered evidence during the visit to enable them to evaluate aspects of the quality of leadership and children's achievements.

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

- The manager and practitioners create nurturing, caring relationships with children and families. This approach ensures children and families feel well supported.
- Children who are well-behaved, enthusiastic, enjoy coming to nursery and are keen to learn.
- The focus on supporting children's early mark-making. This is resulting in children who are keen to experiment with writing.

The following areas for improvement were identified by the Education Scotland team:

- The senior leaders, with support from the local authority should use guidance from national practice frameworks to help develop more robust approaches to self-evaluation and quality assurance.
- The manager and practitioners should develop further approaches to planning to provide appropriately challenging experiences across the curriculum for all children.
- The manager and practitioners should develop the quality of the learning experiences available outdoors. They should create interesting spaces and experiences to support all children to develop curiosity and creativity.

The local authority will continue to monitor the settings progress with its quality processes and will report back to the Committee as appropriate.

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