

**MILLBANK NURSERY, BUCKIE
– EDUCATION SCOTLAND VISIT, OCTOBER 2018**

Authority commentary on the inspection report

In October 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Milbank Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the head of setting and practitioners.

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

- Children who are happy and enthusiastic as they play and learn in the nursery setting.
- The involvement of parents and practitioners in developing the attractive outdoor area that provides a rich learning experience for children.
- Sensitive, nurturing approaches from the senior practitioner and practitioners in providing a caring environment where children are valued and respected.

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

- In partnership with parents, children and practitioners, the manager should develop an ambitious vision, values and aims for the nursery that supports improvements in outcomes for children.
- Approaches to monitoring and evaluating the work of the setting should be developed and implemented.
- Develop the skills and knowledge of practitioners' to improve how they plan for children's learning, particularly in early literacy and mathematics. This should support children to make better progress in their learning.

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