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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Girvan Early Years Centre. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager and practitioners.

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

- A strong sense of community where an inclusive, nurturing environment helps all children and families to feel safe, secure and well supported.
- Inquisitive children who enjoy developing their literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing skills through play in the well-resourced setting.
- Very positive relationships with a wide range of partners who work together effectively to ensure equity and equality for all children and families.
- A manager, depute and practitioners who work well together with a focus on improving outcomes for children and families.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the manager and a representative from South Ayrshire Council.

- As planned, practitioners should develop further their use of national guidance on self-evaluation. This will enable them to make well-planned improvements to the setting based on a more critical evaluation of their practice.
- The manager should continue to develop robust monitoring systems to help ensure consistency in the delivery of high quality learning and teaching across the setting.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the settings work using four quality indicators from [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) Quality indicators help early learning and childcare settings, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each setting, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish early learning and childcare settings are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Girvan Early Years Centre

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good

Descriptions of the evaluations are available from [How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale](#)

Here are the Care Inspectorate's grading for the setting

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	very good
Quality of environment	very good
Quality of staffing	very good
Quality of management and leadership	very good

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and no recommendations. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

More detailed Summarised Inspection Findings will be available from <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-ayrshire/8230110> and the [Care Inspectorate website](#).

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. South Ayrshire Council will inform parents/carers about the setting's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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