

## **Item: 12**

**Education, Leisure and Housing Committee: 8 February 2023.**

**Care Inspectorate – Eday Primary School Nursery.**

**Report by Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To advise of the findings of the recent Care Inspectorate inspection report of Eday Primary School Nursery undertaken in November 2022.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Committee is invited to note:

#### **2.1.**

That, in April 2022, the Care Inspectorate adopted a new inspection framework, applying to nursery, child-minding and out of school care settings, which has introduced new scrutiny aspects.

#### **2.2.**

That, consequently, the Care Inspectorate evaluations focus on the following four areas:

- How good is our care, play and learning?
- How good is our setting?
- How good is our leadership?
- How good is our staff team?

#### **2.3.**

That Eday Primary School Nursery was inspected by the Care Inspectorate in November 2022.

#### **2.4.**

That, of the four areas inspected, one received a very good grading, two received good gradings and one received an adequate grading.

#### **2.5.**

That one area of improvement was identified by the Care Inspectorate, as outlined in section 4.4 of this report.

The Committee is invited to scrutinise:

## **2.6.**

The inspection report by the Care Inspectorate in respect of Eday Primary School Nursery, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, in order to obtain assurance that action has been taken or agreed as necessary.

## **3. Background**

### **3.1.**

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- How good is our care, play and learning?
- How good is our setting?
- How good is our leadership?
- How good is our staff team?

### **3.2.**

Eday Primary School Nursery was inspected in November 2022. The inspection report is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

## **4. Summary of Inspection**

### **4.1.**

The areas inspected by the Care Inspectorate, referred to in section 3.1 above, were graded as follows:

- How good is our care, play and learning: very good
  - 1.1 Nurturing care and support – very good
  - 1.3 Play and learning – very good
- How good is our setting: adequate
  - 2.2 Children experience high quality facilities - adequate
- How good is our leadership: good
  - 3.1 Quality assurance and improvement are well led - good
- How good is our staff team: good
  - 4.3 Staff deployment – good

### **4.2.**

All previous recommendations for improvement had been met by the service.

### **4.3.**

Key messages from the inspection included:

- Children and their families benefited from a very welcoming ethos.
- Children were supported by a kind and nurturing practitioner.
- Children's health and wellbeing was well supported through the use of effective personal planning.
- Children experienced high quality play and learning that supported their progression and development.
- Children would benefit from toilet facilities more suited to their age, stage, and development.
- At times, children's learning, health, and wellbeing could be better supported by more effective staff deployment.

### **4.4.**

The following areas for improvement were made:

- The provider should ensure children's wellbeing, dignity and privacy when going to the toilet.

### **4.5.**

The Registered Manager and local authority Early Years Team are working together to develop an action plan to address the areas for improvement noted at section 4.4 above. This includes:

- Ensuring the toilets are sufficiently heated.
- Refreshing infection control procedures and personal care guidance with staff.
- Ensuring the toilets are inviting for small children.
- Revising the procedures to support toilet trips including the use of staffing across the school.

## **5. Corporate Governance**

This report relates to the Council complying with governance and scrutiny and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

## **6. Financial Implications**

There may be a financial implication as a result of any action taken to meet the requirement made at Eday Primary School Nursery. Work is currently ongoing to determine if a solution can be found within existing budgets.

## **7. Legal Aspects**

The Council should comply with any recommendations made in the Care Inspectorate inspection report and subject to that there are no legal implications arising from this report.

## **8. Contact Officers**

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## **9. Appendix**

Appendix 1: Care Inspectorate Report of Eday Primary School Nursery.