

Item: 14

Education, Leisure and Housing Committee: 8 February 2023.

Care Inspectorate – Firth 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 Firth 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 Firth Primary School Nursery was inspected by the Care Inspectorate in November 2022.

2.4.

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

2.5.

That one area of improvement was identified by the Care Inspectorate, as outlined in section 4.3 of this report.

The Committee is invited to scrutinise:

2.6.

The inspection report by the Care Inspectorate in respect of Firth Primary School Nursery attached at 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?
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3.2.

Firth 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: adequate
 - 1.1 Nurturing care and support – good
 - 1.3 Play and learning – adequate
- How good is our setting: good
 - 2.2 Children experience high quality facilities - good
- 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 were supported by kind and caring staff.
- Children's health and wellbeing was well supported through the use of effective personal planning.
- Children would benefit from changes to the lunch routines to ensure a positive experience in as relaxed an atmosphere as possible.
- High quality play and learning was inconsistent to support children's progression and development.
- The indoor and outdoor learning environments were structured to support children's age and stage of development.
- Self-evaluation and improvement plans were in place to support continuous improvement of the service.

4.4.

The following areas for improvement were made:

- To support children to achieve their full potential, the manager must ensure children experience high quality play, learning, and development opportunities.

4.5.

The Registered Manager and local authority Early Years Team are working together to incorporate this into the ongoing improvement work of the setting.

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 are no financial implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

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.

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9. Appendix

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