

ANGUS COUNCIL

FAMILIES, EDUCATION AND JUSTICE

SUNSHINE PLAY SCHOOL EDUCATION SCOTLAND INSPECTION REPORT

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 33% of Angus Council's funded Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) is provided by contracted partners.
- 1.2 One such ELC provider working in partnership with Angus Council is Sunshine Play School. The voluntary sector setting operates from Northmuir Community Hall and has capacity for 24 children aged from two to five years with 20 children currently attending.
- 1.3 In September 2024, Sunshine Play School, a partner provider of Angus ELC in Kirriemuir was visited by an inspector from Education Scotland, to evaluate the setting's work.

2. Significant Information

- 2.1 Sunshine Play School was inspected on four quality indicators: leadership of change, learning, teaching and assessment, ensuring wellbeing equality and inclusion and securing children's progress. They received grades of good for each indicator.
- 2.2 The inspector noted specific strengths in the playschool's work. These included the leadership of the manager and her focus on professional learning which supports the team to deepen their knowledge to provide good quality ELC. They also recognised the positive relationships between staff, children and parents, the welcoming nurturing environment which helps children to settle well and feel secure, and the range of children's experiences indoors and outdoors.
- 2.3 Identified areas for improvement suggested that data gathered should support timely improvements in the setting and that additional resources were provided for children to further extend the challenge in their play. Local Authority officers will continue to work with the staff in Sunshine Playschool to support their continued development.
- 2.4 A copy of the Education Scotland Report is contained with Appendix 1 to this Schedule.

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Education Scotland report of Sunshine Play School