

# St Francis' Nursery Class

## Standards & Quality Report

### Session 2024 – 2025

This summary report is provided for parents/carers and partners to outline our achievements and improvements during session 2024 - 2025 and to share our improvement priorities for 2025 - 2026. Throughout last session we took forward our improvement priorities as detailed in our school improvement plan. Using our approaches to self-evaluation, we have detailed in this report the impact of our work and identified how we plan to continue to improve outcomes for our children and young people.

#### The context of the school

##### Welcome to St Francis' Nursery Class

St Francis' Nursery Class is part of St Francis' Primary School, located in the heart of the Gorbals and serving the local community as part of Glasgow City Council.

We believe every child is unique and full of potential. Our aim is to help children grow and flourish by developing their individual, God-given talents in a supportive, inclusive, and caring environment.

##### Working in Partnership with Families

We know that families play a vital role in the life of our nursery. We truly value the contribution parents and carers make to our nursery community, and we actively encourage families to be involved throughout the year. From open afternoons and performances for learning to parent workshops and trips, there are many opportunities to connect with your child's learning journey.

We are committed to keeping you well informed and engaged. Nursery news and updates are regularly shared through our website, Seesaw learning platform, and school newsletters.

##### Our Community and Transition to School

We work closely with St Francis' Primary School, where most of our children continue their learning journey into Primary 1. We also maintain strong relationships with our Learning Community including Blackfriars Primary, to support smooth and positive transitions for all our learners.

##### Our Nursery Team

Our dedicated nursery team is made up of:

- 4 job-sharing Child Development Officers
- 2 full-time Child Development Officers
- 1 Team Leader

We are also supported by the school's Head Teacher and Depute Head Teacher, who provide strategic leadership and guidance.

##### Inclusion and Support for All

At St Francis', we are proud to be an inclusive learning environment where every child is supported to thrive. Our wider support team includes a Family Support Worker, funded through the Pupil Equity Fund, who provides valuable assistance to both children and families. In addition, we are supported by our clerical staff, janitor, catering manager, and canteen assistants, who work hard behind the scenes to help keep our nursery running smoothly every day.

##### Working Together as a Community

We are proud of our close partnership with our Parent Council, whose support plays an important part in school and nursery life. The nursery and school benefit from a devolved budget provided by Glasgow City Council, which is used to support our priorities as set out in the Nursery Improvement Plan.

In addition, we benefit from the support of external professionals including an Educational Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapists, and a Leader of Early Learning, all of whom contribute to the wellbeing and learning of our children.

#### Our achievements and improvements 2024 – 2025

##### Key developments (leadership of change) (QI 1.3)

- Staff are developing a stronger understanding of how to support children who are learning English as an additional language (EAL). Working closely with EAL services has helped improve communication and engagement, and pupils are now participating more confidently in lessons.
- Staff are becoming more confident in using data to identify and close learning gaps. This is helping us to offer more targeted support where it's needed most. Breaking down data into smaller focus areas is also helping staff understand individual barriers and adapt their learning experiences to better support every learner.