Chesters Nursery School
Day Care of Children

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About the service

Chesters Nursery School is a day care of children service in a suburban area in the Drumchapel area of Glasgow. The service is provided by Glasgow City Council and operates from premises within Camstardden Primary School.

The service can accommodate a maximum of 75 children. No more than 15 children are aged two to under three years and no more than 60 children aged three years to under school age.

The accommodation consists of three large play environments and a nurture space. Children had direct access to an outdoor play area for physical play and outdoor learning. 'Chesters allotment' is an additional outdoor play space. Children also have access to a nearby forest, the campus playground and gym hall. There is changing and toilet facilities for children, office, catering, staff facilities and a reception area.

About the inspection

This was an unannounced follow up inspection which took place on 23 September 2026. The inspection was carried out by one inspector from the Care Inspectorate. The inspection focused on the requirement made during the previous inspection which took place on 29 April 2026. We evaluated how the service had addressed this to improve outcomes for children. During
this follow-up inspection, we increased the evaluation for 'Leadership' to good because the service had made progress by building on key strengths.

To prepare for the inspection we reviewed information about this service. This included previous inspection findings, registration information, information submitted by the service and intelligence gathered since the last inspection. In making our evaluations of the service we:

- spoke with children using the service
- spoke with management and staff
- observed practice and staff interactions with children
- reviewed documents.

Key messages

- Improvement was evident in the required area made during the previous inspection. As a result, children's needs were being met.
- The service had taken action to address identified safety and security concerns.
- Improvements had been made to quality assurance processes to ensure children's safety and security in outdoor environments.

From this inspection we evaluated this service as:

In evaluating quality, we use a six point scale where 1 is unsatisfactory and 6 is excellent

Leadership	4 - Good

Further details on the particular areas inspected are provided at the end of this report.

Leadership 4 - Good

Leadership and management of staff and resources
We evaluated this quality indicator as good, where there were important strengths within the setting's work and some aspects which could benefit from improvement.

At our previous inspection we made a requirement to ensure children are cared for in a safe and secure outdoor environment. We observed improvements had been made. We provided further suggestions to strengthen practice. We were confident these would be progressed. For further information refer to 'Outstanding requirements' section of the report.

The service had made improvements to support children's safety and security, including repairs to a perimeter fence.

Quality assurance had contributed to positive outcomes for children by supporting a proactive approach to health, safety and risk management. Management and staff demonstrated that they responded appropriately to identified risks. At the time of the inspection, children were not accessing the 'allotment space' due to concerns relating to overgrown grass and a faulty gate snib. This demonstrated a precautionary approach to safeguarding children. The fault was addressed and repaired during the inspection, supporting the continued safety and security of the outdoor environment.

Risk assessments had been reviewed and updated to reflect current practice, including a new forest site. Staff demonstrated awareness that risks may change as seasonal conditions and weather varies. We discussed the importance of staff carrying out an environmental check of the site to identify and remove potential hazards before children access the area to support children's safety and wellbeing.

Management and staff could further strengthen risk assessment processes by clearly documenting staff deployment and supervision arrangements. While these were being implemented in practice, recording them would support greater consistency and accountability. Risk assessments should also include expectations for staff to undertake environmental checks before children access outdoor areas, identifying and removing potential hazards. This would further enhance children's safety and security and help ensure environments remain safe and suitable for play and learning.

Children and staff had worked together to develop a visual risk assessment booklet for forest visits. Staff used this to discuss potential hazards and safety rules prior to visits. Children demonstrated a good understanding of risks and how to manage these safely. For example, children identified hazards discussed and responded appropriately when walking in the community and at the forest. Staff reinforced safe practices when reminding children to wait when approaching a dog and stopping to check for traffic before crossing roads.

Boundary markers had been introduced within the forest area and children clearly understood their purpose, remaining within the agreed boundaries. Staff had completed a training session on forest training. They were able to describe how learning from this had strengthened practice, including the identification of a new forest site and enhanced approaches for children's safety.

What the service has done to meet any requirements we made at or since the last inspection

Requirements

Requirement 1

By 6th July 2026, the provider must ensure that children are safe and protected from harm. To do this, the provider must at a minimum:

a) provide care for children in a safe and secure outdoor environment, including a well maintained enclosed perimeter fence.
(b) robust and dynamic risk assessments must take place and appropriate action is taken to mitigate risks to children.

This is to comply with Regulation (4) (1a) of the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210).

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standards, which state, 'My environment is safe and secure' (HSCS 5.17).

This requirement was made on 29 April 2026.

Action taken on previous requirement

Repairs had been made to the perimeter fence, with additional panels installed to address gaps and improve children's safety and security.

The service were managing risks and responding to identified safety concerns. For example, children were not accessing the 'allotment garden' while issues relating to overgrown grass and a faulty snib were being addressed.

Risk assessments had been reviewed, updated and were being regularly revisited by management and staff to support children's safety and security. This included consideration of risks associated with the new forest site. Staff had implemented additional measures to support children's safety at the forest, including use of clearly visible boundary markers (red ribbons). Children demonstrated a good understanding of these boundaries and remained within the designated area during our visit.

We discussed the importance of staff carrying out an environmental check of the site to identify and remove potential hazards before children access the area.

There were opportunities to further strengthen risk assessments by including a clear section outlining staff deployment and supervision arrangements.

The requirement had been met. Please refer to 'Leadership' section of the report for further information.

Met - within timescales

Complaints

There have been no complaints upheld since the last inspection. Details of any older upheld complaints are published at www.careinspectorate.scot.

Detailed evaluations

Leadership	4 - Good
Leadership and management of staff and resources	4 - Good

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