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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Victoria Park Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Kind and respectful children who learn and play together in a highly inclusive school, where everyone is valued.
- The highly effective leadership of the headteacher. She leads a dedicated team of teachers and support staff who engage regularly in a range of professional learning activities. This is improving children's experiences, learning and achievements.
- Children across the school are making very good progress in English language, literacy and numeracy and mathematics. Children learning English as an additional language make strong progress in developing English vocabulary.
- The strong approach to ensuring all children participate in learning and achieve success. This includes removing any barriers to learning and ensuring everyone who needs help can access appropriate support. Children and families who are newly arrived in Scotland are very well supported.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Dundee City Council.

- Continue to improve approaches to learning, teaching and assessment. This should include developing opportunities for children to become more independent and creative in their learning.
- As planned, review and refresh the curriculum to offer children a wider range of relevant learning experiences in the classroom and the wider community.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Victoria Park Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

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What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Dundee City Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Susan Duff
HM Inspector