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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Juniper Green Primary School and Nursery Class. 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:

- The solution-focused and positive approach of school and nursery staff in managing change and the impact of COVID-19. They have embraced the challenges presented to them and worked together creatively to make worthwhile changes to practice.
- The highly effective leadership of the headteacher and senior leaders in empowering staff and securing improvement. They ensure that innovative approaches to learning, teaching and health and wellbeing are leading to better outcomes for children.
- The dedication of all staff in creating an ethos of nurture and achievement, where children and adults feel valued and respected. The wellbeing of the whole school and nursery community is central to the work of all staff.
- Consistently high quality learning and teaching across the primary and nursery classes. Children benefit from exciting and relevant learning experiences across the curriculum.
- The sector leading approaches to teaching children about equality and diversity. Children are articulate and very knowledgeable about their rights, and the rights of others in society. They have a secure understanding about fairness and equity and demonstrate the 'Juni Way' in their respectful interactions with each other and with adults.

The following area for improvement was identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from The City of Edinburgh Council.

- As planned, continue to develop approaches to using assessment information to ensure that all children across the nursery and primary classes can make the best possible progress.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) 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 Juniper Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

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

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page//?id=3111>.

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. The City of Edinburgh Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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