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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited East Linton 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 nursery and school's work.

- Children experience a warm and positive ethos in which to play and learn. This is underpinned by nurturing and mutually respectful relationships. Children are considerate, articulate, confident, and very motivated by learning that actively engages them in thinking creatively.
- Children's experiences are supported and enhanced by the community and partners. The headteacher reaches out to the community to engage and support in a very approachable manner. She gives children quality care and pastoral support.
- The headteacher and staff have assisted children to sustain good levels of progress and attainment in numeracy and mathematics, listening, talking and reading.

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

- Staff should now build on the most effective practice to plan more creative and challenging learning that continues to meet the learning needs of the highest attaining children. This should enable all children's increased use of digital technology and a range of learning approaches, such as play.
- Teachers should continue to raise children's attainment in writing.
- The headteacher, fully supported by staff, should continue to focus on the strategic improvement of the school. This should include areas such as the further development of the curriculum.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 East Linton Primary School

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

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

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | Education Scotland](#).

### What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve. We will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. East Lothian 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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