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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Deans 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 strong leadership of the headteacher and depute headteacher across the school and nursery class. Together they lead a highly-motivated team who use their shared values to improve outcomes for children and families.
- The effective whole school approach to wellbeing and inclusion. This ensures children are very well supported in a calm, nurturing learning environment.
- Children who are proud of their school and are respected and valued members of their community.
- Effective approaches to monitoring children's progress. This is leading to positive outcomes for children including those who require additional support.

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

- Continue to develop the curriculum across the nursery class and school.
- Continue to raise attainment for all children in literacy and English and numeracy and mathematics.

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 Deans Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	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	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | Education Scotland](#)

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. West 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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HM Inspector