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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Our Lady's 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 nurturing and respectful relationships between staff and children. Children are polite, courteous and proud of their school and nursery. They exemplify the school's values through the way they look after one another.
- The strong strategic direction from all senior leaders who are well respected by the school community. They know the strengths and areas for improvement in the school and nursery.
- Across the school and nursery, staff undertake high quality professional learning which is having a positive impact on the quality of learning and teaching and the progress children are making.
- Children in the nursery are making very good progress in their learning. Leadership at all levels is resulting in consistently high-quality learning experiences. Children are developing a wide range of skills as a result of their experiences in woodwork.

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

- Within the school and nursery, capture the wider range of skills children develop as a result of their learning across the curriculum.
- As planned, teachers should develop approaches to high quality assessments which enable children to apply and demonstrate skills in new and unfamiliar contexts. They should engage with a wider range of schools to moderate their planning and assessment to continue to improve their professional judgements. This will support them to continue to increase attainment across the school.

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 Our Lady's 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	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Securing children's progress	very 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=3957>

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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