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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Winchburgh 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 headteacher's effective leadership of school improvements and his success in developing teamwork across the school and nursery class.
- The nurturing and supportive relationships across the school and nursery class leading to children's readiness to learn.
- The staff team across the nursery class and primary stages who effectively work together to continually improve children's experiences. This is leading to positive learning experiences for all children.
- The motivating nursery environment created by supportive practitioners. This helps children to make a positive start to their learning journey.

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

- Continue to develop consistency in approaches to learning, teaching and assessment across the school and nursery class.
- Continue to raise attainment and achievement for all children and develop a clear overview of the needs of children. This should help to ensure all appropriate supports and interventions are in place to meet the needs of all children.

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 Winchburgh Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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	good
Securing children's progress	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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=5205>

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.

Scott Lavery
HM Inspector