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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Windyknowe 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 and senior leaders relentless focus on improving outcomes for all children at Windyknowe Primary School. They work effectively with all staff to improve the learning experiences of children across the school and nursery class.
- The staff team across the school and nursery class who identify and engage effectively in appropriate professional learning. This supports improvements in approaches to learning, teaching and assessment.
- The mutually respectful and caring ethos created by nursery and school staff which are underpinned by the school's values. This enables children to be ready and eager to learn.
- Children who are developing a clear understanding of themselves as learners. They engage well with the increasing responsibility given to them to lead aspects of their own learning.

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

- Senior leaders and staff should continue to develop ways of tracking and monitoring children's progress across the curriculum to raise attainment further.
- Teachers and practitioners should continue to ensure children understand the skills they are developing across their learning, both in and out of school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Windyknowe Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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
Learning, teaching and assessment	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	

Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	very good
Quality of environment	very good

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and one recommendation. The recommendation in relation to medication has been met. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

This letter and 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=5209>

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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