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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Royal Mile 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 the principal teacher. They have established positive and effective relationships with children, parents and staff. They have an aspirational vision for the future of the school and nursery.
- Staff in the nursery and the school who know children, their families and the community well. They are responsive to the needs of the multicultural community.
- The effective transition arrangements for children moving from nursery to P1 and from P7 to high school.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from The City of Edinburgh Council.

- Work with children, parents and partners to develop a whole school strategy to improve relationships and behaviour. Ensure that all agreed approaches are applied consistently across the school and nursery.
- Improve approaches to learning, teaching and assessment in the school. Ensure all children experience high-quality, well-planned learning and teaching that is matched appropriately to their learning needs.
- Improve attendance across the school.
- Improve teachers measuring of how well children are attaining in literacy and numeracy.

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 Royal Mile Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	weak
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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	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: [Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and review | Education Scotland](#)

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with The City of Edinburgh Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with The City of Edinburgh Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school, we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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