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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Windygoul 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 celebration of children's many successes in demonstrating the school values of 'responsible, positive and respectful'. Children are rightly proud of this recognition of their enthusiasm for learning and hard work.
- The use of a wide range of data by senior leaders to support effective strategies to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- The warm and inclusive environment across the nursery, school and Woodside, fostered by all members of the school community. This supports children to develop communication skills and engage successfully in their learning within a child-centred environment.
- The sense of fun and freedom displayed by children and practitioners in the nursery as they enjoy the broad range of experiences outdoors.

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

- Senior leaders should continue to work with staff to improve the quality of the learning and teaching children experience to develop further consistent approaches across the whole school. This includes ensuring children take a more active role in leading their learning.
- All staff should continue to build on the positive start to the way children's progress in their learning is assessed and monitored and extend this to all curriculum areas.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Windygoul Primary School and Nursery Class

| Quality indicators for the primary school  | Evaluation  |
|--|-------------|
| <b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>   | <b>good</b> |
| <b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>  | <b>good</b> |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a> |             |

| Quality indicators for the nursery class   | Evaluation  |
|--|-------------|
| <b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>   | <b>good</b> |
| <b>Securing children's progress</b>  | <b>good</b> |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a> |             |

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. East 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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