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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Longniddry 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 respectful, happy and motivated children in the school and nursery. They make useful contributions to the wider life of the school and the community. They demonstrate their school values in their actions towards others.
- The highly effective leadership of the headteacher and depute headteacher. Together they provide very strong leadership and a clear direction for whole school improvement. They have a thorough understanding of the needs of children and families.
- The high quality of learning and teaching across the school. Staff have high expectations of all learners and meet the needs of all children very well. As a result, almost all children, including those who require additional support, are making very good progress.
- All children have a very strong understanding of their rights and can make relevant connections to their learning across the curriculum. This is having a positive impact on relationships and underpins the respectful, nurturing and inclusive ethos of the school.

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 teachers to develop their understanding of national standards. This will help to increase their confidence making professional judgements about children's progress.
- Senior leaders and practitioners should continue, as planned, to improve the approaches to observing children, planning for their learning and tracking their progress in the nursery. This will ensure all children make the best possible progress.

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 Longniddry Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and Review | 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.

Simon Gallon
HM Inspector