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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Craigowl 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.

- Enthusiastic children who are keen to learn and proud of their nursery and school.
- The nursery and school staff team who create a positive atmosphere for learning and have caring relationships with children. This is helping to develop confident children who are ready to learn.
- Children in P1 develop their learning through play well. They are developing skills of creativity, problem solving and independence. This helps them be more confident as they move from nursery to school.
- The leadership team and practitioners in the nursery provide children with a very good range of learning experiences. They are nurturing towards children and provide them with a high standard of support. As a result, children are happy, enjoy nursery and are making very good progress in their learning.

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

- Senior leaders and staff across the school and education support area should develop further how they plan for and assess children's learning. As part of this work, they should review how they check and monitor children's progress.
- Senior leaders should improve how they measure the impact of support for children in the school. This will help them check that they help children overcome difficulties in learning.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to develop consistent high-quality approaches to teaching and learning across the school. This should include further opportunities for children to be actively involved in leading their learning.

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 Craigowl Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
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
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Securing children's progress	very 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:

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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. Dundee City Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

David McKellar
HM Inspector