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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Yester 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.

- Children are confident, able and articulate. They are well behaved and keen to learn. They enjoy talking about their learning and are proud of their school and nursery.
- All staff know children and families very well. They have created a calm, inclusive learning environment across the school and nursery. Children feel cared for and happy as a result.
- Children make good progress in literacy and numeracy across the school and nursery.

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

- Staff should continue to develop approaches to delivering consistently high-quality learning, teaching and assessment for all children across the school and nursery. These should include opportunities for children to take increasing responsibility in leading their learning.
- Staff should use information gathered through assessment to plan and provide a broad range of meaningful activities and experiences across all curricular areas. They should ensure all learning is planned at the right level of difficulty to enable all children in the school and nursery to make the best possible progress.

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 Yester Primary School and Nursery Class

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

[Yester Primary School | Inspection Report | 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.

Victoria Morgan
HM Inspector