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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited East Wemyss Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

East Wemyss Primary School nursery class was inspected by the Care Inspectorate within the last 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The ways in which the values of teamwork and respect influence positively the school culture, and relationships across the school.
- The headteacher's strong leadership, which is supporting all staff to work well together to strengthen practice across the school. This is beginning to lead to improved attainment for children.
- The helpful ways that staff are beginning to track children's progress and provide appropriate support.
- Children's achievements through a variety of school activities and events.

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

- Continue to develop increased consistency in learning, teaching and assessment, building on aspects of strong practice across the school.
- Further improve attainment at all stages, especially in literacy and numeracy.
- Ensure increased rigour in planning to meet the needs of all children who require additional support with their learning. Senior leaders and staff should ensure that appropriate plans are developed, which support well these children's learning and take account of the views of parents and children.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). 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 East Wemyss Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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	

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. Fife 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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HM Inspector