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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Niddrie Mill Primary School. 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 who are proud of their school and enjoy learning. They share warm, respectful relationships with each other and with staff.
- Teachers who take responsibility enthusiastically for leading areas of school improvement. They feel trusted to lead change to improve learning experiences for children across the school.
- A whole staff team who have a strong focus on improving wellbeing outcomes for children. They work well together and with partners to support children and families' health and wellbeing.
- Consistent approaches to learning and teaching across the school. This supports children to be engaged in their learning and make good progress.

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

- Senior leaders and teachers should develop approaches to planning for children who require additional support with their learning. Teachers must ensure they set and review regularly specific targets for children's learning to support all children to make the best possible progress.
- All staff should continue to develop further approaches to ensure learning is planned at the right level of difficulty for all children.
- Senior leaders need to continue to evaluate planned interventions and ensure all interventions impact positively on children's attainment and wellbeing.

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 Niddrie Primary School

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

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. The City of Edinburgh 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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