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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Granton 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 proud of their school and nursery, and have a range of opportunities to broaden their experiences in their local and wider community. They are eager to learn and ready to take more responsibility for their own learning.
- Relationships across the nursery and primary school are positive. Senior leaders, staff and practitioners know children and families well. They demonstrate a high level of respect and care for all children.
- The headteacher is approachable and supportive. She works well with the staff team across the nursery and primary school, to ensure a shared understanding of the school's context.

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

- Improve attainment and achievement for all children in the nursery and primary school.
- Develop further approaches to planning, assessment and moderation to ensure all children are making appropriate progress across the nursery and primary school. This should include robust tracking and monitoring of children's progress across all curriculum areas.
- Continue to improve and develop greater consistency in the quality of learning and teaching in the nursery and primary school. This should ensure that activities meet the learning needs of all children. Staff and practitioners should increase opportunities for children to be more involved in evaluating their own progress and next steps in 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 Granton 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	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2811>

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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