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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Lilliesleaf 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 nursery and school's work.

- Staff have created a calm and nurturing environment across the school and nursery which is supporting children to be happy and enthusiastic learners.
- Across the school and nursery, children participate in regular outdoor learning which helps them to explore, investigate and learn an important range of life skills.
- The wide range of learning experiences children have in the nursery. This is helping them to make very good progress in their learning.

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

- In the school, continue to develop approaches to learning, teaching and assessment to ensure all children are challenged in their learning and make the best possible progress.
- Continue to raise attainment in literacy and English and numeracy and mathematics for all children in the school. Staff should continue to have a strong focus on increasing all children's progress in writing.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Lilliesleaf Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

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

Katharine Crombie  
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