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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Currie 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.

Staff work well together to create a calm, inclusive environment across the school and nursery. They work well together to ensure that they build positive nurturing relationships with children.

- Children who are polite, well-mannered and show respect and care towards each other. They are fully involved in the life of the school and are confident in identifying areas they would like improved.
- The positive way staff are implementing learning through play at P1 and P2.
- The consistent approach to effective learning and teaching across the school through which children's wellbeing and learning needs are well met.

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

- Staff across the school and nursery need clearer direction from senior leaders on how to demonstrate the progress children are making in their learning.
- Staff in the nursery and P1 should work more closely together to ensure continuity in learning across the early level.
- Senior leaders should support staff in the nursery to improve the planning of learning that allows individuals to be sufficiently challenged.
- Staff should continue to work with the local authority to understand more fully how to record and document actions taken in line with Edinburgh City Council's policy on safeguarding.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Currie Primary School and Nursery Class

| Quality indicators for the primary stages | 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 | |

| Quality indicators for the nursery class | Evaluation |
|--|---------------------|
| Leadership of change | good |
| Learning, teaching and assessment | satisfactory |
| Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion | good |
| 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=2282>

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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