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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Seafield 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 in the school and the nursery class enjoy learning and playing in a caring and respectful environment. There are strong relationships across the school community. This includes effective partnerships across the village and with schools in the local area.
- The staff team is committed to improving children's learning experiences. School leaders, teachers and support staff are highly motivated in their approach to professional learning and development.
- The wellbeing of children and their families is central to the work of the school and the nursery class. This supports children to make good progress in their learning.
- Most children are making good progress in their literacy and numeracy.

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

- Continue to develop consistent, high-quality approaches to learning, teaching and assessment in the nursery class and across the primary stages.
- Ensure all children in the school and nursery class have regular opportunities for learning across the curriculum. The planned review of the curriculum should offer children relevant opportunities to make progress in all areas.
- To improve children's progress, enhance the play spaces and resources for children in the nursery class. The team should further develop the range of experiences and resources available for children, ensuring that children have opportunities to develop their skills through play indoors and outdoors.

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 Seafield 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	satisfactory
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: [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. West Lothian 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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