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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2017, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Hermitage Park Primary School and nursery class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning provision and children's success and achievements.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work:

- The headteacher's well-judged leadership of change, her success in developing staff and the positive relationships she has established within the school and its community.
- The supportive learning environment provided by teachers, where children feel their contributions to decision making are valued, resulting in them having great pride in their school.
- The staff team's contribution to leading learning and children's successes in wider achievements.
- The skilled team of practitioners in the nursery class who strive to continually improve their practice and children's learning through play.

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

- Develop consistency in high quality learning, teaching and assessment across the nursery and primary stages to further raise attainment.
- Refresh the school's vision and values to more accurately reflect the school's ambition and commitment to continuous improvement.

Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is good and what needs to be improved in the work of the school. You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school? for the primary stages and for the nursery class, How good is our Early Learning and Childcare?*¹. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of three important quality indicators to keep track of how well all Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland’s evaluations for Hermitage Park Primary School

Primary stages

Leadership of Change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good

Nursery class

Leadership of Change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children’s progress	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good

The letter and more detailed summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/edinburgh-city/5525128>.

¹ *How good is our school? (4th Edition) 2015; How good is our Early Learning and Childcare? 2016* – [How Good Is Our School?](#) [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#)

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 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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