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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Leith Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Leith Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

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

- Highly effective leadership across the school. Senior leaders, teachers and children are fully involved in the process of planning and evaluating school improvement. As a result, they have collectively improved outcomes for children's learning and wellbeing.
- Children and staff's approaches to celebrating diversity underpinned by a strong understanding of children's rights. These approaches effectively promote equality for all children and their families.
- Children achieve success and develop a wide range of skills through a variety of clubs, committees and groups. This is supporting successfully children's leadership roles and skills for learning, life and work.
- The allocation of resources to provide targeted support to children with barriers to their learning and wellbeing. This is resulting in improving attendance, engagement in class and readiness to learn.

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

- Senior leaders and staff should improve consistency and approaches to planning so that children can build on their prior learning more effectively.
- Staff should raise attainment further in literacy and numeracy.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). 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 Leith Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very 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	

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. 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.

Judith Reid
HM Inspector