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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2017, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning provision and children's successes and achievements.

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

- Strong relationships exist between staff and children across the school and nursery, which are based on shared values.
- In the nursery, children are motivated and confident and are able to make choices about their play, particularly outdoors. Across the primary stages, children are committed to and proud of being part of their school community.
- The committed staff team, led by the headteacher, work well together in their goal to secure positive outcomes for children. Wellbeing is central to the whole school community, and staff provide a nurturing learning environment where children receive effective support.

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

- Increase the opportunities for children to be more active and independent in their learning.
- Continue to improve attainment, ensuring that the pace and challenge of learning meets the needs of all children.
- Continue to develop the opportunities for leadership at all levels to support school improvement. Increase the scope for all members of the school community, including parents, partners and children, to be involved in discussions about aspects of the life and work of the school.

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 Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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	good
Securing children's progress	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/east-lothian/5550521>

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. East 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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