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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Innerwick 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.

- The highly effective and supportive leadership of the headteacher. This results in a school community with a shared vision and strong set of core values. This is leading to a supportive learning environment where the wellbeing of children is a priority for all.
- The commitment of the nursery team to providing a play-based learning approach. This is leading to children who are motivated, engaged and lead their own learning.
- A whole school team who work effectively together to continually improve children's experiences.
- The high quality outdoor learning. This provides valuable opportunities for children to apply the skills and knowledge they have gained across the curriculum.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to monitoring and tracking children's progress and attainment. This will further support progression across the nursery class and school.
- Continue to review systems and processes to identify, record and monitor the effectiveness of supports for children. Ensure individual plans have clear, measurable targets and actions to support interventions.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Innerwick Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	very good
Quality of staffing	very good

### Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/east-lothian/5553725>.

### 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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