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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bruntsfield Primary School. 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 are well-mannered, articulate and enthusiastic about learning. They are welcoming, friendly and proud of their school.
- The positive development of play-based learning in the early stages which enables children to become more confident and independent in their learning.
- Staff who are keen to develop their skills further. They embrace professional learning and work with colleagues from local schools to support improved assessment and moderation of children's learning and progress. This is having a positive impact on children's attainment.
- The wide range of opportunities available, well-supported by parents and partners, for children to achieve. These include pupil participation groups, after school clubs and excursions.

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

- Continue to improve the effective use of data to provide a clear whole-school picture of progress and attainment. Senior leaders should use all relevant data to identify more accurately gaps in learning and progress.
- Continue to develop creativity in learning and teaching to increase challenge and depth in learning for all children.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Bruntsfield Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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:
<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=1791>

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.

Susan Smith
HM Inspector