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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Rowanfield 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.

- Staff have a nurturing approach across the school. They respond sensitively to children's emotions, helping children to engage successfully in learning activities.
- Staff help children to attend school successfully and be more included in school life. Teachers provide a predictable, stable environment which children respond well to.
- School staff make effective use of outdoor learning areas including the local woodlands. Children participate well in healthy activities including team building exercises and nature walks. This is helping to develop courageous, curious, creative and compassionate children.

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 develop more personalised and consistent ways to assess and record children's progress in learning. This will help ensure that all staff are clear about children's levels of attainment, enabling them to plan appropriate next steps in learning.
- Staff should continue to raise children's attainment in reading, writing and numeracy.

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 Rowanfield School

| Quality indicators | Evaluation |
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| Learning, teaching and assessment | good |
| Raising attainment and achievement | satisfactory |
| 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: [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.

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