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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Armadale 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.

- There is a supportive and nurturing ethos throughout the school and nursery class. Relationships between children, and children and staff, are positive and respectful. Children are well-behaved.
- Practitioners in the early learning centre have developed the indoor and outdoor learning environments well to stimulate children's learning.
- Senior leaders, staff and a range of partners work together effectively to analyse a range of information to help meet the learning needs of all children.
- Staff have developed a positive culture towards reading. This is leading to children engaging well with reading in class and all staff continuing to develop their understanding of strategies to help children read confidently.

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

- Share effective practice in learning and teaching more regularly to ensure all children benefit from high-quality learning and teaching, and all teachers have consistently high expectations of children's work.
- Further improve approaches to tracking children's achievements, including out-of-class activities.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the schools 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 Armadale Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

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

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	good
Quality of environment	good
Quality of staffing	good
Quality of management and leadership	good

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and no recommendations. As a result of this inspection, there 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/west-lothian/5504627> and the [Care Inspectorate website](#).

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. West 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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