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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Clovenstone Primary School and Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the acting headteacher and staff.

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

- Senior leaders and staff ensure children benefit from a positive learning environment founded on nurturing, respectful relationships across the school and nursery.
- Staff's strong understanding of the local community and the effective strategies they use to support children and families to engage in learning across the school and nursery.
- The quality of children's learning experiences in the nursery which develop their curiosity, independence and interests.

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

- Continue to develop high quality learning and teaching across the school, including through play at the early stages to raise attainment and achievement.
- Develop further staff's understanding of national expectations to ensure reliable decisions on children's progress, to inform planned learning across the school and nursery.
- Review the effectiveness of planning and tracking across the school to ensure the needs of all children, including those who need additional support, are met.

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

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
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	

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	

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