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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2022 a team of HM Inspectors from Education Scotland visited Olivewood Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children, and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning and teaching and children's success and achievements.

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

- Children are happy in their learning. They feel valued, respected, and cared for by staff, with whom they enjoy positive relationships.
- The governor and staff have a strong vision, passion and commitment for bilingualism, the Arabic language and culture, and integrating immersion within the curriculum.
- Children are increasingly confident to talk, read and write in Arabic alongside English. They begin each day at school with an assembly through the medium of Arabic. This attaches a high level of importance to Arabic, while creating a sense of togetherness across the school.
- Teachers have shown great resilience in taking forward education during the pandemic, while also establishing a new school.
- Children and staff learn, develop and have a sense of wellbeing from being in a quality learning environment. This is while learning indoors and in the garden.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the acting principal and School Governor.

- Continue to extend membership of the Board of Governors as the school continues to grow.
- Continue to develop the leadership skills of all staff to be fully involved in planning improvements, and developing the curriculum and immersion.
- Staff should monitor the success of the Arabic curriculum so that all children have high standards of fluency in the language. In particular, they should ensure that children receive sufficient immersion.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and HM 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 Olivewood Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership and management of staff	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Curriculum	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition)	

What happens next?

As a result of the overall quality of education provided by the school, we will make no further visits in connection with this inspection. The Board of Governors will inform parents about the school's progress as part of their arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of the school. Education Scotland will copy this report to the Registrar of Independent Schools for information.

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