

26 November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Ednam 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.

- Happy, well behaved children who are confident and enthusiastic learners. They are keen to learn and eager to make progress.
- Children's overall progress in literacy and numeracy.
- The nursery indoor and outdoor learning environments supporting children's creativity, inquiry and problem solving skills through play.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from Scottish Borders Council.

- Ensure consistency of approaches in learning, teaching, tracking and monitoring across the nursery class and all stages in the school.
- Ensure the pace of learning is sufficiently challenging to meet the needs of all children across the school.
- Build on strong partnerships with parents and partners to evaluate the school's work and review its vision, values and aims.

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 Ednam Primary School and Nursery Class:

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

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=2510>

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. Scottish Borders Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Ken McAra
HM Inspector