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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Levenvale 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.

- The strong sense of community across the school and early learning and childcare centre (ELC). The wellbeing of children and their families lies at the heart of its work. This is leading to positive outcomes for children, and families.
- Children who are confident and friendly and show kindness towards each other resulting in an inclusive welcoming, happy atmosphere across the school and nursery.
- Children who are motivated to learn and respond well to opportunities to work independently and as part of a group to take responsibility for their own learning.
- The quality of the play areas and learning hubs within the early learning and childcare centre and school and the range of experiences beyond the school and ELC support children well to gain real-life learning skills.

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

- There is a need to ensure the headteacher and all staff have an accurate picture of the school and nursery class strengths and the areas which require improvement.
- Senior leaders should develop more opportunities for children across the school campus, to contribute to improvement and develop their leadership skills.
- Develop the curriculum further across the school and nursery to ensure all children benefit from progressive learning.
- Continue to raise children's attainment in literacy and numeracy to ensure all children make the best possible progress.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's 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 Levensvale Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:

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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 Dunbartonshire 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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