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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kirkhill Primary School. 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.

- Children who are polite, friendly and motivated to learn. They work well together, support one another, and demonstrate the school values well. They feel happy, safe, and included in decisions about school life.
- The highly effective and motivational leadership of the headteacher. She inspires and supports the staff team to create a warm and welcoming climate for learning. The headteacher and staff ensure that high quality learning and teaching is leading to better outcomes for children.
- Staff who work together very well as a team. They engage enthusiastically in professional learning and support each other to learn and reflect effectively on their practice. They focus their work on raising attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- Staff have established highly effective approaches to promote equity for all. Children across the school are provided with very good opportunities to achieve success. They develop a wide range of skills through a variety of leadership roles, committees and clubs.

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

- Continue to develop the implementation of play-based approaches to learning within the classroom and outdoors.
- Continue to ensure all children make appropriate progress in their learning across the curriculum.

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 Kirkhill Primary School

| Quality indicators for the primary school | Evaluation |
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| Learning, teaching and assessment | very good |
| Raising attainment and achievement | very good |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale | |

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

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and Review](#) | [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. 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.

Victoria Morgan
HM Inspector