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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kirkcaldy West Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Kirkcaldy West Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

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

- Children who are very proud of their school. They are enthusiastic, motivated and engage well in their learning. They work together successfully, support one another, and demonstrate the school values well. They feel happy, safe and included in decisions about school life.
- The highly effective headteacher, who is providing very strong leadership and direction to the work of the school. She is leading and managing the direction and pace of change very successfully, supported well by the senior leadership team.
- The positive teamwork of all school staff. They are sensitive and responsive to the wellbeing of children. Their nurturing and supportive approaches create an inclusive and positive learning environment for children.
- The very good opportunities children have to achieve success. Children develop a wide range of skills through participating in a variety of leadership roles, committees and clubs.

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

- Senior leaders should continue to work with parents and partners to improve children's school attendance.
- Senior leaders and teachers should continue to embed consistent approaches to learning and teaching across the school. They should ensure all learning activities are planned at the right level of difficulty to enable all children to 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? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Kirkcaldy West Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

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

[Kirkcaldy West Primary School | Inspection Report | 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. Fife 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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