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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Preston Street 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.

- Happy articulate children and supportive relationships between children and staff. Teachers provide interesting activities that enthuse children in their learning.
- Success in fostering reading for enjoyment and the impact of the reading ambassadors. This has resulted in high attainment in reading across the school,
- Children's achievements across a wide range of activities in school are motivating and varied. Led and supported by staff, parents and a diverse range of partners, they add value to children's experiences.
- The newly established senior leadership team promotes effective teamwork amongst staff. Staff share their skills and work well together organising learning.

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

- The leadership team should ensure that approaches, which are already making a positive difference to children's achievements and attainment, are documented and applied more consistently across the school for the benefit of all learners.
- Improve approaches to how staff assess children's progress across all areas of the curriculum.

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 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 Preston Street Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:
<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4110>

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

Elizabeth C Montgomery
HM Inspector