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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited South Morningside 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.

- Senior leaders create a school environment in which children succeed. As a result, children across the school interact positively and are confident and keen to learn. Children are involved in the life of the school and contribute to a positive atmosphere for learning.
- Senior leaders and staff work very well together to ensure they understand how well children make progress in learning. Where children face challenges with learning, they receive effective support at the right time to overcome these.
- Senior leaders and staff use robust data very effectively to check that children reach expected Curriculum for Excellence levels. This is ensuring that children maintain high levels of attainment across all stages of the school.

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

- Staff should continue to develop approaches that support children lead their own learning and develop further children's independence when learning. This will ensure that all children experience consistently high-quality learning experiences across the curriculum.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). 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 South Morningside Primary School.

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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. 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.

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