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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Claypotts Castle Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Claypotts Castle 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.

- A strong sense of community within the school contributes to a calm, safe and nurturing learning environment. Children are enthusiastic, motivated and engage well in all activities. They identify strongly with their school.
- The highly effective, caring leadership of the headteacher and depute headteacher. This is driven by their high aspirations for all children to succeed.
- The whole staff team ensures all children have many opportunities to achieve. They manage this through very effective partnership working.
- Parents are very positive about the difference the school is making to their children's lives.

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

- Develop further consistently high-quality approaches to learning and teaching to ensure all children are challenged in their learning activities.
- Develop further approaches to check children's progress in all areas of their learning. Senior leaders should now increase their focus on measuring children's progress over the longer term. They should use a range of information to ensure a clear picture of children's progress over time.

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 Claypotts Castle Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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. Dundee City 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