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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Davidson's Mains Primary School and Nursery Class. 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 across the school and nursery, who are articulate, polite and supportive of one another.
- The interesting learning activities that motivate and engage children in their learning. At the primary stages, children are skilled in evaluating their own and one another's progress and success in learning.
- The ways in which teachers across the school, integrate digital technologies effectively to enhance learning and challenge children's thinking. This success has led to children achieving mathematical skills in collecting, organising, interpreting and displaying data through the use of digital technology.
- Engaging outdoor experiences in the nursery, including woodland adventures that promote children's creativity and imagination. The independence of children in the nursery and their ability to lead their play with friends.

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

- Continue to share and build upon the best practice in learning and teaching to improve consistency in high quality learning and teaching.
- Continue to raise expectations and develop a shared understanding of standards. Increase challenge and further raise attainment and progress for all.

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 Davidson's Mains Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: 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/inspection-reports/edinburgh-city/5523125>

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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