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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Canal View 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.

- The strong leadership demonstrated by the newly appointed headteacher who has a very positive impact on ethos and relationships. She is ably supported by a depute headteacher and acting principal teachers. Collectively they work well together to improve the progress and achievements for all learners.
- Teachers and support staff work very well together to make improvements in the school that help children to achieve more. They celebrate diversity well and make sure all children feel included and equal. This is beginning to impact positively on children.
- The extremely positive relationships which are firmly established across the school community. All staff support the wellbeing and welfare of their community and together they are making a difference for children and families.
- Senior leaders and practitioners in the nursery know their children and families well and work very effectively as a team. They have created an environment both indoors and outside that engages children. Children are happy and secure and enjoy their time in nursery.

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

- Improve approaches to learning, teaching and assessment to ensure consistently high-quality experiences for children across the school.
- Staff should focus on improving how they plan and assess children's learning. In doing this, they should record and track children's progress more thoroughly to ensure they meet the needs of all children.
- Raise attainment in literacy and English language, and numeracy and mathematics.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Canal View Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</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>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	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>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

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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