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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited East Plean 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 who are empowered to lead and influence a range of school improvement initiatives and support and respect each other.
- The highly effective leadership of the headteacher and her clear strategic vision for continuous improvement through a shared understanding of the value of every individual.
- Nurturing approaches which are fully embedded in all aspects of the school, nursery and home life, leading to positive relationships and increased aspirations for families and children.
- Highly effective partnership working between community partners, the health and wellbeing officer, senior leaders and staff which is improving children's attainment, attendance and punctuality.
- Well-planned, targeted support for individuals and groups of children which ensures that children with additional support needs are fully included and making progress in their learning.

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

- Continue to increase opportunities for more creative and innovative learning in the primary school and nursery class which take account of the school's unique context.
- Practitioners should introduce leadership for children in the nursery that helps develop their early leadership skills and their ability to make decisions that affect them.
- Ensure consistent, high quality learning and teaching which challenges children appropriately in their learning to further improve attainment in the primary school.

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 East Plean Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</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>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very 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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2476>

### 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. Stirling 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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