

29 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Leith Walk Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Leith Walk 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.

- The nurturing and caring learning environment where relationships between staff and children are positive and supportive.
- The ambitious and aspirational programme of school improvement led by the headteacher. This is based on a strong understanding of strengths and areas for development and is helping to improve approaches to children's learning.
- The teamwork of all staff in sharing and developing professional skills and knowledge. This is supporting improved approaches to teaching and learning and support for children's health and wellbeing.
- The well planned, progressive programme of outdoor learning. Children demonstrate high levels of engagement and enjoyment with learning in and about the outdoors. This is helping them to appreciate nature and develop important skills for learning, life and work.

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

- Continue to improve approaches to learning and teaching, ensuring learning activities are set at the right level of difficulty to help children make the best possible progress.
- Raise children's attainment in literacy and numeracy. Staff should use recently established approaches to monitor children's progress to identify and target gaps in children's learning.
- Continue to develop the health and wellbeing curriculum to better support improvements in children's understanding of wellbeing, equality and diversity.

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 Leith Walk Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</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 (4th edition) Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Leith Walk Primary School | Inspection Report | 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.

Robyn McIlroy  
HM Inspector