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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Noblehill 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 positive relationships found between staff and children that reflect the school's values. Staff have worked well to support children to re-engage with their learning in school.
- Confident, polite and well-mannered children. They are proud of their school and nursery and are keen to share their learning.
- Senior leaders and staff across the school, nursery and learning centre have a strong understanding of the school community. They are clear in the steps they need to take to improve further outcomes for children.

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

- Continue to improve the quality of learning and teaching to raise attainment and ensure children make the best possible progress. This includes ensuring learning is set at the right level to meet the needs of all children.
- Staff in the primary school should build on their approaches to collaborative planning to work more closely with staff in the learning centre. This will promote better planning and improved engagement for children who attend the learning centre.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Noblehill Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>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>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>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:

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### 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. Dumfries and Galloway 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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