

21 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited East Craigs Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

East Craigs Primary School nursery class has been inspected by the Care Inspectorate within the last 18 months. The City of Edinburgh Council and headteacher had the option to include the nursery class in this inspection. They made the decision for the primary school classes only to be inspected therefore the contents of this letter refer to the primary classes only.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Confident, able and articulate children across the school who are keen to learn and be more involved in making decisions about their school.
- The early start made to provide the youngest children with play-based learning experiences.
- The support provided by the support for learning team and pupil support assistants for children who find learning challenging.

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

- The headteacher should provide clear direction to the work of the school. In doing this there is a need to establish robust approaches to evaluate the quality of the school's work. This should help identify appropriate improvements required.
- Staff should improve approaches to learning, teaching and assessment to ensure all children receive a consistently high-quality learning experience across the school. This will help ensure that children have appropriate challenge and support in their learning.
- All staff need to improve approaches to promoting and supporting positive relationships and behaviour across the school.
- The leadership team should improve approaches to tracking children's attainment and progress through Curriculum for Excellence levels. There is a need for a clear focus on raising attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>weak</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>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | Education Scotland](#)

### What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with The City of Edinburgh Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with The City of Edinburgh Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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