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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Wardie Primary School and Wardie Primary School Nursery. 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.

- Highly positive relationships that are supporting children to be confident in their learning. Across the school and nursery, all staff create and promote a positive, nurturing and inclusive culture.
- Varied and interesting learning activities and experiences. In the school and nursery, staff and partners work effectively together to provide creative contexts for children to develop important skills and knowledge.
- The high-quality indoor and outdoor environments in the nursery. Practitioners use resources and spaces well to promote and support children's thinking, curiosity and enquiry.

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

- Further review approaches to learning and teaching across the primary stages. Teachers should continue to develop high-quality teaching approaches and lesson content to ensure the right level of support and challenge for all children across the curriculum.
- Continue to raise attainment and accelerate children's progress in literacy and numeracy across the school. It will be helpful to set clear targets that can be measured. This will help staff to check that changes and interventions are leading to improvements for children's learning.
- Develop further nursery practitioners' shared understanding of national standards and expectations. All staff working across Curriculum for Excellence early level should regularly discuss children's learning progress across the curriculum.

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 Wardie Primary School and Wardie School Nursery

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:

[Wardie 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.

Lisa Marie McDonnell  
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