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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Heriot Primary School and Early Learning Childcare 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 leadership of the headteacher. This is resulting in the highly effective pace of change and improved outcomes for children across the school and nursery class.
- Staff engagement in relevant professional learning, leadership and research opportunities linked to school and nursery improvement.
- Highly effective partnership working. This is having a positive impact on the wellbeing and confidence of children, staff and parents.
- The nurturing approaches across the nursery and primary school resulting in highly-motivated and engaged children who are making good progress in their learning.
- Teachers' creative approaches to numeracy and mathematics leading to children's increased confidence and motivation for learning.

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

- Continue to build on children's prior learning to raise attainment for all children across the curriculum.
- Continue to engage all staff in reflective and collaborative dialogue with colleagues from across the cluster and more widely to improve consistency in high quality learning and teaching across the school and nursery.

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 Heriot Primary School and Early Learning Childcare Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very 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=2924>

### 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. Renfrewshire 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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