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Dear Parent/Carer

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

Kirkcaldy North Primary School nursery class was inspected by the 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 highly-effective leadership of the headteacher. She has established a clear strategy for continuous school improvement. This is based on a very strong understanding of the needs of the whole school community.
- The very effective teamwork of all staff. Together they model positive and respectful relationships, underpinned by shared values. As a result, all children benefit from a nurturing learning environment.
- The robust processes used by staff to monitor children's progress in learning. This is helping to identify and support children's learning and wellbeing needs.
- The very effective partnership work with a range of agencies and the Parent Council. This is ensuring children benefit from universal and targeted support which is improving outcomes for children and their families.

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

- Teachers should provide children with more opportunities to learn through a range of motivating contexts, taking a stronger role in leading their own learning.
- Senior leaders and staff should provide children with increased opportunities to reflect on and improve their wellbeing. This will enable them to express clearly how they feel and discuss if there is a need for support.
- Senior leaders and staff should raise attainment in literacy and numeracy, ensuring all children make the best possible progress.

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 Kirkcaldy North Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very 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? (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: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and Review | 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. Fife 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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