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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Addiewell Primary School. 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 and inclusive ethos. Staff and children demonstrate respect and consideration in their interactions with each other. Children feel safe and secure and engage well in all aspects of school life.
- The confident, happy and enthusiastic children. Children are proud to be part of the school community and contribute well to improvement.
- The collaborative and reflective staff team. Staff work well together to develop their skills, share effective practice and support children to progress and achieve. They willingly take on leadership roles to improve children's experiences.
- The highly effective approaches to supporting and promoting wellbeing. Senior leaders, staff and children work successfully together to help to ensure the wellbeing of all.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from West Lothian Council.

- Senior leaders and teachers need to ensure that learning activities are appropriately matched to children's needs. This will help children to make the best possible progress in their learning.
- Senior leaders and teachers need to improve approaches to assessing children's progress. They should ensure that all assessment information is relevant and used to inform next steps in learning.
- Continue to raise attainment and ensure the best possible outcomes for all children.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Find an 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. West Lothian 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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