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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Mayfield 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.

- Across the school and complex needs provision, children are respectful and friendly. They engage well with their learning and have settled well into their new learning environments.
- Staff work well together to understand and respond to children's needs. As a result, children learn in nurturing environments where they feel cared for and valued.
- Staff have a strong understanding of families and the local community. They take effective action to support equity of experience and minimise barriers for participation. As a result, children's attendance is improving.
- Staff have taken effective action to improve approaches to teaching and learning of reading. In the complex needs provision, staff are effective at supporting children develop their communication skills.

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

- Senior leaders should continue to drive forward strategic improvements. They should ensure robust approaches are in place to evaluate the impact of planned changes on outcomes for children.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to develop approaches to high quality learning, teaching and assessment, ensuring learning is well matched to the needs of all children.
- Senior leaders and staff should review approaches to planning for children who require additional support with their learning. This should include a focus on setting clear and measurable targets that are reviewed regularly.
- Staff should continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy, ensuring children are supported effectively to 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 \(4th edition\)](#). 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 Mayfield Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school (4th 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:  
[Mayfield 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. Midlothian 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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