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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Echline Primary School and Nursery 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.

- Across the nursery and the primary stages, children are well behaved, friendly and proud of their school. The dignity and worth of every child is important and children demonstrate strong empathy towards each other.
- The effective leadership of the headteacher, who has put in place important improvements to take the nursery and primary school forward. Together with the depute headteacher and staff, a collaborative culture of improvement is developing across the school.
- Across the nursery and the primary stages, there is high quality support for learning. Staff work very well with children who need extra help, enabling them to attain and achieve.

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

- In the nursery and in the primary, staff should continue to work together to provide more consistent high quality learning and teaching. This includes increasing pace and challenge. As planned, approaches to assessment need to improve. Children need to understand clearly the skills they are developing and what they need to do to improve further.
- Across the nursery and in the primary, staff should continue to raise attainment and achievement in literacy and numeracy.
- Staff should develop stronger links with parents and other local partners to improve children's skills for learning, life and work.

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

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	good
Quality of environment	good

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and no recommendations. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

This letter and a more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/edinburgh-city/5518229>

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.

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