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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Westpark 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.

- Children in the school and nursery who are friendly and show kindness to each other. They are polite and come to school each day keen to learn.
- The wide range of clubs, which give children opportunities to enjoy playing games and sports with their friends out with the school day. These support children to develop their confidence and take on new challenges.

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

- Staff in the school and nursery need to develop further their approaches to gathering information from observations or assessments of children's progress. They need to use this information more effectively so that children can build on what they can already do.
- All staff, including senior leaders, should deliver consistently high quality learning and teaching which provides children with increased pace and challenge. They need to ensure lessons have a clear focus on children making greater progress.
- Senior leaders and teachers need to ensure that regular checks of children's progress lead to improvements in their attainment.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Westpark Primary School and Nursery Class.

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>weak</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>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>weak</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: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and Review | Education Scotland](#)

### What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with Aberdeen City Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Aberdeen City Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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HM Inspector