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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Law Primary School and Nursery. 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 staff team and children enjoy positive, kind and caring relationships. Children are keen to learn and achieve.
- At the primary stages, children's attainment in listening, talking and reading, and in numeracy and mathematics is good. Children in the nursery are also making good progress in these areas, as well as in health and wellbeing. They are articulate and confident.
- Staff teams, senior leaders and the early years team work well together to clarify the school's successes and priorities for further improvement. They are embracing approaches to improve learning and teaching through professional learning. At the primary stages, staff's observing of each other's practice, and receiving feedback, is improving children's experiences.

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

- Senior leaders and the staff team should build further on strengths in learning and teaching. They should ensure that children have higher expectations of what they can achieve. Teachers should set suitably challenging learning activities. Staff should provide more opportunities for children to learn independently, be creative and develop digital skills.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to develop approaches to planning children's learning in the nursery. This should include developing practitioners' skills in observing children's learning and checking their progress.
- Senior leaders and school staff team should ensure a more strategic approach to raising further children's attainment, progress and success in learning. Teachers need to raise children's attainment in writing. They should support children to recognise and develop skills through their achievements in and out of school.

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 Law Primary School and Nursery

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</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? (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>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page//?id=3374>

### 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. East 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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