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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Sanderson's Wynd 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.

- The positive steps taken by the headteacher to foster a school community where children are valued, respected and included. This is leading to a calm and purposeful learning environment across the school.
- Creative approaches to outdoor learning, providing rich opportunities for children to learn in a real-life context.
- The quality provision of The Hub which supports children well with additional support needs and contributes positively to the inclusive whole school ethos. Children across the school benefit greatly from their engagement with their peers across the nursery, primary classes and The Hub.

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

- Improve children's attainment in literacy and English and numeracy and mathematics.
- Continue to improve whole school approaches to monitor and track children's progress to better meet the learning needs of all children.
- Improve the quality of learning and teaching across the nursery and school to ensure all children are suitably challenged across all curriculum areas.

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 Sanderson's Wynd Primary School and Nursery Class

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>satisfactory</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>satisfactory</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>	

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

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
<b>Quality of care and support</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Quality of environment</b>	<b>adequate</b>
<b>Quality of staffing</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Quality of management and leadership</b>	<b>adequate</b>

## Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and three recommendations. From these, three recommendations have been met. 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/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4282>

## 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 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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