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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Stockbridge 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.

- Nursery staff respond very well to children's interests in the well-planned learning environment. They are improving children's wellbeing through sensitive and thoughtful interactions.
- The headteacher and depute headteacher are supporting staff well to improve learning and teaching across the school.
- All staff across the school and nursery are working positively to improve children's experiences. They provide a nurturing safe environment for children to learn.
- Staff across the school and nursery know children and their families very well. They are proactive in taking steps to reduce any barriers to learning.

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

- Teachers should continue to develop approaches to planning and delivering high-quality learning, teaching and assessment.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to improve approaches to raising attainment, particularly at early level in literacy.
- Practitioners should continue to improve children's progress in literacy and numeracy in the nursery.

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 Stockbridge Primary School and Nursery Class

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

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Find an 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. 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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