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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Saltoun 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 highly effective leadership of the headteacher. Her clear focus on high standards and supporting children to achieve their full potential is leading to improved outcomes.
- The strong sense of staff teamwork. Staff at all levels take on extra responsibilities to provide a warm, welcoming and inclusive ethos for children and families.
- The successful approaches to promoting children's mental and emotional wellbeing. Staff use a range of techniques to help children feel valued, supported and ready to learn.
- Friendly and happy children who are proud of their nursery and school. They are keen to learn and show their creativity in different ways. They benefit from participating in motivating learning activities, especially outdoors.

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

- Continue to share good practice in learning and teaching across the school and nursery, including ways to build further children's resilience as learners.
- Continue with plans to raise attainment further in literacy and numeracy in the school and nursery classes.

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 Saltoun 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	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. 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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