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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2025 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Tollcross Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Tollcross Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The confident, polite children who demonstrate their school values. They are proud of their school, enthusiastic and keen to learn.
- The headteacher, ably supported by her senior leadership team, is ambitious for all children and families of the Tollcross Community. This ensures that all staff work well together and that children learn and benefit from a nurturing and positive environment. Staff use digital technologies well to support children's learning.
- Children benefit from an extensive range of activities and programmes which supports their wider achievements within the school. Children's achievements are encouraged, recorded and celebrated by school staff. This is a central part of the school's positive culture.

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

- Continue to develop high-quality approaches to learning, teaching and assessment, ensuring all children experience appropriate challenge in their learning. Children are ready for more opportunities to lead their own learning.
- Continue to improve attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). 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 Tollcross Primary School

Quality indicators	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	

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

[Tollcross Primary School | 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.

Susan McDade
HM Inspector