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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Balgreen Primary School. 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.

- Approaches to promoting positive relationships where children feel supported to achieve. Children are eager to learn and capable of taking greater responsibility for their own learning.
- Positive steps taken to improving children's attainment in numeracy at the early stages of the school. Children are more confident in using strategies to solve number problems.
- Strong sense of teamwork amongst teachers who are self-reflective and keen to contribute to school improvement.

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

- Continue to improve the consistency of learning, teaching and assessment across the school. This should include the development of approaches to assessing children's progress in learning.
- Develop a whole school system for monitoring and tracking children's progress to ensure they are appropriately supported and challenged in their learning.
- Develop a shared strategy for raising attainment across the school.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</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>	

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

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/edinburgh-city/5521025>

### 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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