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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bonnyrigg 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.

- Caring, nurturing relationships between children and staff. This is leading to children feeling safe, happy and included. Children are very proud of their school and nursery class.
- Strong teamwork amongst staff. Staff are very supportive of one another and work well collectively to meet children's needs.
- Children's understanding of the qualities required to be a good learner.
- Teachers' use of effective questioning to engage children in their learning and help monitor their progress.

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

- Raise attainment in literacy and English taking better account of children's prior learning.
- Ensure all learning experiences consistently provide sufficient challenge for all learners including increased opportunities for children to lead their own learning.
- Senior leaders need to continue to improve their approaches in monitoring children's progress across the school and nursery. This will help show clear evidence of improvement as a result of self-evaluation.

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 Bonnyrigg 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	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
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:
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/midlothian/5542022>

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. Midlothian Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Steven McPherson
HM Inspector