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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Moorfoot Primary School and Childcare Setting. 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 inclusive and caring ethos in the early learning and childcare setting (ELC) and across the primary school. This is underpinned by a commitment to the principles of nurture and the school's vision, values and aims of learning, inspiration, friendship and enjoyment (LIFE).
- Children's skills at all levels in the primary school in using digital technology to enhance and support their learning.
- Processes for identifying children who may require additional support for learning. The quality and range of support is helping children to overcome barriers to learning.
- Senior leaders' and staffs' commitment to professional learning and to working with partners to develop and implement creative approaches to learning and teaching. This includes the range of strategies to close gaps in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to assessment and moderation of learning and teaching across all areas of the curriculum.
- Continue to improve processes for tracking children's progress in learning in the early learning and childcare setting to ensure continuity across the ELC and school.

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 Moorfoot Primary School and Childcare Setting

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:

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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.

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