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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Connolly Campus 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.

- The highly effective headteacher provides a clear vision and direction for school improvement. He is ably supported by the deputy headteacher and wider leadership team. Together, they successfully lead a strong team of motivated and enthusiastic staff.
- The senior leadership team have created a culture in which staff are encouraged to be creative and to share ideas, which they take forward successfully to improve outcomes for children.
- The school's strong focus on developing children's wellbeing. This is underpinned by the positive relationship between children and staff across the school. It is resulting in strong and positive interactions between children and staff.
- The very successful opportunities for children to sustain and extend shared placements with mainstream schools.
- The school's work with a wide range of partners, which enriches children's learning experiences.

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

- Continue to embed the school's approaches to tracking and monitoring of children's progress, ensuring this leads to improvements in attainment.
- The school should continue to develop a curriculum overview, ensuring this supports progression in children's learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Connolly Campus School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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:
<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2138>

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. West 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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 HM Inspector