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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Letham 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.

- Happy and enthusiastic children who are eager to learn. They feel safe and valued in the welcoming school and nursery environment.
- The committed staff team, led by the headteacher, are determined to improve outcomes for children. There is a team approach to professional learning which promotes and supports change and improvement. Staff and children are well supported by a range of partners and agencies.
- The significant improvements to planning children's experiences in the nursery are supporting children to make good progress in their learning.

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

- Continue to improve learning and teaching to ensure all children benefit from consistently high quality experiences.
- More rigorous approaches to assessing children's progress are needed to improve their attainment. A shared understanding by staff, of expected standards is required to secure these improvements.

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

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</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>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

## Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
<b>Quality of care and support</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Quality of environment</b>	<b>good</b>

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and one recommendation. From this, the recommendation has been met. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

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

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/west-lothian/5501229>

### 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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