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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Murrayfield Primary School, Early Learning and Childcare Setting and Language Centre. 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 and early learning and childcare setting's work.

- The effective leadership of the headteacher and teamwork of staff in leading change that is having a positive impact on children's experiences and outcomes.
- Positive relationships among all staff and children which supports a climate of mutual respect. As a result, children are courteous and well-behaved and show resilience in their learning.
- The school's approaches to wellbeing. As a result children feel, safe, nurtured, supported and treated fairly across the school, early learning and childcare setting and language centre.
- The impact of the work of the language centre in improving language and communication skills of all children supported by the provision. The effective work of the staff team and the success in building the capacity of mainstream teachers in supporting children's communication and language needs across West Lothian.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to learning, teaching and assessment across the school. Ensure all children are engaged in motivating and challenging experiences to ensure continued improvements in attainment across all curricular areas.
- Ensure consistency in the quality of interactions in the early learning and childcare setting to provide levels of engagement which meet the needs of all children. This will support children to make the progress they are capable of.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Murrayfield Primary School, Early Learning and Childcare Setting and Language Centre

Quality indicators for the primary stages	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	

Quality indicators for the early learning and childcare setting	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/west-lothian/5505526>

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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