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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Edenside 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.

- Staff across the school and nursery work well together to ensure children learn in highly inclusive and nurturing environments. These are underpinned by the strong school values.
- Staff across the school use a range of approaches to engage and motivate children in their learning. This includes the effective use of digital technology to enhance and deepen learning.
- Staff across the school have taken positive steps to raise children's attainment and achievement. As a result, children are confident, eager to learn and attain well.

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

- Staff in the school and nursery should improve approaches to meeting the needs of all children including those who require increased challenge in their learning.
- Senior leaders need to develop further opportunities for staff to work together with colleagues within and beyond the school to improve their understanding of national standards. Staff should develop a more accurate understanding of children's progress.

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 Edenside 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	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:

[Edenside Primary School | Inspection Report | Education Scotland](#)

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

Patricia Cameron
HM Inspector