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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Glendinning Terrace 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.

- Relationships between nursery practitioners, school staff, children, and those in the school community.
- Children's broader achievements and successes in various events which enables them to develop various skills and become responsible and caring individuals who make a significant contribution in their community.
- The approaches teachers and staff are taking to improve children's attainment in reading which are making a difference to children's progress at the primary stages.
- The headteacher's and early years officer's impact on leadership of and direction of school and nursery improvement.

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

- Continue to build on current approaches for improving how children's progress is assessed, planned and tracked in the nursery to help ensure they achieve.
- Ensure that all children's needs are met through experiences and activities which provide appropriate pace and challenge and further their learning.
- Improve further children's attainment, particularly in numeracy and mathematics.
- Take forward plans to involve children more in making decisions about school life and involve parents more in their children's learning.

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 Glendinning Terrace Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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 nursery's and school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its nurseries and schools.

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