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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Greenlaw 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.

- Children across the school and nursery who are happy, friendly and eager to share their learning.
- Teachers' effective use of digital technology to personalise children's learning. Children enjoy these motivating learning experiences, which take account of their different strengths and needs.
- The regular celebrations of children's achievements, widely shared through social media across the whole school community. These support children to develop confidence and team building skills.

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

- Children should be more involved in leading their own learning. They need more opportunities to make choices and decisions about their learning.
- Senior leaders and staff should develop learning through play at the early level and beyond. This will enable staff to meet children's needs better and allow children to apply their skills in real-life contexts.

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 Greenlaw 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:

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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.

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