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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Glebelands 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 in the school and nursery who are polite and treat each other and adults with dignity and respect. They are highly motivated and engage well in their learning which helps them to make good progress.
- The staff team across the school and nursery who are led very effectively by the headteacher. They work very well together to improve children's learning experiences and attainment. They have created an inclusive learning culture with high expectations for all children's behaviour and progress.
- Staff in the school and nursery who know children and families very well. They use effective approaches to ensure all children and families are able to access support if required. This includes access to food, clothing and out of school activities.

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

- In the nursery, involve children fully in planning their learning. Practitioners should help children to understand and talk about their learning.
- In the school, continue to develop approaches to assessment which support teachers to raise children's attainment further in literacy and numeracy and mathematics.
- In the school and nursery, develop further strategies to track and monitor children's progress. Staff need to use all available data to show more clearly the impact of interventions.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). 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 Glebelands 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:

[Glebelands 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. Dundee City 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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