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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Eastertoun Nursery School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the head of setting and practitioners.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the setting's work.

- Children enjoy high-quality learning experiences, particularly when playing outdoors. They have fun and adventure when they are involved in exciting challenges where they can take risks under careful, adult supervision.
- Children achieve a range of skills and progress very well in communication and language, mathematics and health and wellbeing.
- All staff are sensitive and intuitive. They ensure that children are included and as a result, learners are developing a sound understanding of equality and fairness from an early age.
- Staff know children and families well. They work hard together to provide a broad range of supports which have a positive impact on addressing barriers to children's learning.

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

- Staff should continue with plans to ensure that children experience continuity in their learning and progress as they prepare for the move to the new nursery building.
- As planned, staff should continue to explore ways of involving parents more in their children's learning and in overall nursery improvement.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some of the setting's work using four quality indicators from How good is our early learning and childcare?. Quality indicators help early learning and childcare settings, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each setting, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish early learning and childcare settings are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Eastertoun Nursery School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	**very good**
Learning, teaching and assessment	**very good**
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**very good**
Securing children's progress	**very 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 setting 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 setting's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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HM Inspector

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