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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Aberlady Primary School Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the headteacher and practitioners.

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

- Children are enthusiastic, joyous learners. They are kind, caring and inclusive as they play together. Children value their friendships highly and play for extended periods of time on what interests them the most.
- Senior leaders and staff benefit from close, respectful relationships with children and families. Staff create a welcoming, relaxed ethos. They are attentive to children's wellbeing and preferences.
- Staff are motivated to learn as a team alongside senior leaders and local authority representatives. They are curious and reflective as a result of their recently developed collaborative self-evaluation processes. These are supporting them well to take lead roles in improving the curriculum, learning and teaching.
- Senior leaders, local authority representatives and staff have worked intensively to deliver a seamless, successful transition for children and families into the new modular nursery building.

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

- Senior leaders and staff should, as planned work alongside families and the community to develop a curriculum rationale which is bespoke to the nursery. This will support staff in providing a curriculum which builds more effectively on what children already know and can do.
- Senior leaders and staff should embed children's voice at the centre of their planning practices. This will support them in deepening children's interests meaningfully and documenting their learning more effectively.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some of the setting's work using three quality indicators from the [Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors](#). 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 HMIE's evaluations for Aberlady Primary School Nursery Class

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Curriculum	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Wellbeing, inclusion and equality	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at:

[Aberlady Primary School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland](#)

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. East 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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On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland