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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2025, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Harrysmuir Primary School. 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.

- The headteacher's strong leadership has helped the staff team to create a positive and caring school where children's rights are at the heart of everything. Children, staff, and parents feel valued and included as part of the school community.
- With strong guidance from the leadership team, staff have worked together well to improve writing across the school. This has led to clear progress, with children achieving better results in writing.
- Children demonstrate the school values very well. They are inclusive and respectful in their relationships with each other and staff and engage well in their learning activities.
- The staff's strong focus on improving wellbeing is making a positive difference for children and families across the school community.

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

- Senior leaders should streamline and strengthen how they plan and review important areas of school improvement work. This will help them check how well they are progressing.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to raise the attainment of all children across the school.
- Senior leaders and teachers should continue to improve the quality of learning and teaching across the school. This will help to ensure all children can make the best possible progress in their learning.

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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 HMIE's evaluations for Harrysmuir Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	**good**
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**good**
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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE 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. West Lothian 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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On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland

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