

15 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Aberlady 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.

- Relationships across the school are caring, nurturing and respectful. As a result, children learn in calm, inclusive learning environments. Children demonstrate positive attitudes to learning and have a strong sense of pride in their school community.
- Teachers work well with partners to provide children with a wide range of activities and experiences within and beyond the school day. Children are developing important skills for learning, life and work through these opportunities.
- Senior leaders use a range of data effectively to identify appropriate whole school improvements which positively impacts on raising attainment.

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

- Senior leaders and staff should continue to build the consistency of high-quality learning, teaching and assessment across the school. They should have a particular focus on pace, challenge and feedback.
- Senior leaders and staff should maintain a focus on raising attainment in literacy, with a continued focus on writing.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using two 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 Aberlady Primary School

| Quality indicators for the primary school                                                                                                   | Evaluation |
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| Learning, teaching and assessment                                                                                                           | good       |
| Raising attainment and achievement                                                                                                          | good       |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our school (4th edition) Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a> |            |

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 school 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 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