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Dear Parent/Carer

In August 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Croftmalloch 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.

- Relationships across the school and nursery are very positive. Children feel happy, safe and fully included in the life and work of the school and nursery.
- Teachers plan together well-structured, relevant learning experiences for children, particularly in reading. This is helping children to engage well and make progress in their learning.
- The leadership team and teachers plan and deliver well considered support for children with identified needs. As a result, almost all children make strong progress against their individualised targets. This is helping to close gaps in their attainment.

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

- Teachers and nursery staff should continue to develop approaches to delivering consistently high-quality learning experiences across the curriculum. This should include continued engagement with relevant professional learning.
- The leadership team should now analyse more regularly the impact of interventions in the school and nursery. This should support them to identify what interventions are making the biggest impact on improving children's attainment and progress.
- As planned the headteacher should introduce digital technology which enhances learning experiences in the nursery. The leadership team, staff and parents should collaborate to ensure children develop skills for life and learning through the use of a wide range of technologies.

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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 Croftmalloch 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	

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the ELC's work using two quality indicators from the Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors.

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Children's Progress	**good**

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: Croftmalloch Primary School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland

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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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