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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Pilrig Park School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- Under the strong strategic leadership of the headteacher, staff have established a nurturing school culture underpinned by positive relationships and children's rights. Young people feel safe, cared for and enjoy learning.
- Staff work very well together to support young people with their learning. They know young people very well and are highly responsive to their needs.
- Young people in S4-S6 are gaining an extensive range of qualifications and awards. The school is providing young people with very good opportunities to achieve well across a wide range of subjects.
- Across the school, young people's personal achievements are recognised and celebrated very well. As a result, they are gaining accreditation for their achievements and are growing in confidence.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from The City of Edinburgh Council.

- Senior leaders and staff should continue to improve the school's approaches to learning and teaching. Staff should ensure that young people are sufficiently challenged with their learning at all times.
- Senior leaders and staff should work together to continue to streamline how they plan learning for young people. They should use information to set clear learning targets that allow young people to develop further appropriate skills and make progress.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Education Scotland's evaluations for Pilrig Park School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
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 Education Scotland website at: [Pilrig Park School | Inspection Report | 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. The City of Edinburgh 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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