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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Neilston 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 positive relationships across the whole school community which are based on the school values. Senior leaders and staff know children and their families well and work effectively with the local community. They support and create a nurturing environment and an inclusive ethos.
- Enthusiastic and confident children who feel valued and supported. They enjoy learning in Neilston Primary School and are proud of their school.
- The strong culture of teamwork amongst staff. They help each other to develop and improve their work. Their commitment to professional learning and development is having a positive impact on learning and teaching approaches.
- The very effective use of digital technologies to support children in their learning and develop their skills for learning, life and work.

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

- Develop clearer strategic approaches to lead the direction and pace of school improvement activities, with a focus on improving learning outcomes for children.
- Continue to develop consistent approaches to learning, teaching and assessment to ensure that learning is set at the right level of difficulty for all children.

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 Education Scotland's evaluations for Neilston Primary School

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

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:
<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page//?id=3790>

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 Renfrewshire 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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 HM Inspector