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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited David Livingstone Memorial 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.

- Children who are friendly, caring, and motivated to learn, across the school and nursery. They work well together, support one another, and demonstrate the school values well. They feel happy, safe, and included in decisions about school life.
- The highly effective leadership of the headteacher. She promotes a strong sense of teamwork, with everyone involved in progressing the work of the school and nursery. She is supported ably by the depute headteachers and principal teachers.
- Staff work well together to create a calm, inclusive atmosphere across the school and nursery. They create welcoming, nurturing learning environments where children and adults are respectful and kind.
- The headteacher, senior leaders, teachers and practitioners use a wide range of information very effectively to ensure all children make progress in their learning.
- The relentless focus on improving outcomes for children, particularly in literacy and English.

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

- Extend existing approaches to check children's progress across all curricular areas.
- Continue as planned, to take forward the accurately identified school improvement priorities.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) 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 David Livingstone Memorial Primary School and Nursery Class

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

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Securing children's progress	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and Review | 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. South Lanarkshire 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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