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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Harestanes 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.

- A culture of reflection modelled by senior leaders. They are receptive to new ideas and encourage staff to reflect on their practice and initiate change.
- Staff's use of the school and community in enhancing children's experiences. There are a wide range of after school clubs on offer which are enabling children to have broader achievements.
- The school's success in creating a warm and welcoming environment where children feel included and valued.
- Children's improving attainment in numeracy and in the quality of writing.

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

- Improve the quality of teaching to secure improvement in children's learning and develop agreed whole-school approaches and expectations regarding classroom practice.
- Develop a coherent and strategic approach to leading change and improvement.
- Involve children more in effecting and leading positive change in the school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Harestanes Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:  
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/east-dunbartonshire/8336520>

### 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 Dunbartonshire 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