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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Knoxland 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.

- Happy children who show understanding and care for each other. They are proud of their school, engage well in all aspects of school life and keen to learn.
- The nurturing and inclusive relationships across the school between the staff and the children that are based on mutual respect, understanding and kindness. This results in a positive and warm learning environment where children feel safe and happy.
- Staff use effective approaches to improve children's literacy skills. These are improving the progress and attainment children make in their literacy.
- All staff work very well together as a team. They engage well in professional learning and regularly reflect on their practice. This is driving forward improvement through an agreed shared approach to improving learning and teaching.

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

- Senior leaders and teachers should continue to ensure that learning is at an appropriate pace and challenging for all children.
- Staff should ensure that children exercise more choice in their learning, including increased opportunities for the use of digital technology. They should be given increasing responsibility for becoming more independent in their learning.
- Staff should continue to build on the progress made with identifying and improving gaps in children's attainment. Staff should develop further their approaches to ensure that children make appropriate progress across all areas across the curriculum.

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 Knoxland Primary School

Quality indicators	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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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. West 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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