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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kirkhill 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 articulate and confident children who are very proud of their school. They are highly motivated and engaged in their learning and enjoy sharing knowledge with others.
- The strong leadership and direction of the headteacher. Working closely with all staff, she builds and sustains a nurturing and inclusive school culture. This supports children very well to achieve and attain.
- Teachers' evidence-informed professional development. They use their knowledge and skills very well to support and enhance learning across the curriculum. This is driving forward continuous improvement and securing positive outcomes for all children.
- The school's approaches to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skill-based learning. Children build and apply their skills and knowledge across the curriculum very well.
- The very good progress children make in their learning. High levels of attainment and achievement are sustained across the school.

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

- Teachers should continue to provide further opportunities for children to lead actively their own learning in lessons. This should include helping children to understand better their strengths and next steps in learning.
- As planned, staff should continue to develop ways to support children to identify and reflect on the skills they are developing 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 Kirkhill Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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	

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. 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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