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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Carron 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.

- The high standards and expectations across the school, underpinned by very positive relationships. Children learn in a calm, highly inclusive and nurturing environment where wellbeing needs are met effectively.
- Articulate children who are enthusiastic and motivated learners. They embrace opportunities to develop their skills, talents and attributes, showing kindness towards each other.
- The strategic leadership of the headteacher in managing well-paced, sustainable change. He has led the development of a culture which supports staff to contribute effectively to leadership of change and improvement.
- Staff who work very effectively as a team to provide high-quality, engaging learning experiences for all children. They use areas of professional expertise to lead areas of improvement which are enhancing children's experiences.
- Effective approaches to assessing and reviewing children's learning. These approaches are helping senior leaders and staff to continue to raise attainment and ensure children are making the best possible progress.

The following area for improvement was identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Falkirk Council.

- Teachers and practitioners should continue to ensure that all children experience tasks and activities set at the right level of difficulty through more open-ended learning experiences. This will help children to take increased ownership of their learning.

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 Carron 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	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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. Falkirk 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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