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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Coulter 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 very effective leadership of the headteacher in leading a team of staff which has a strong focus on improving outcomes for all learners.
- The highly effective staff team who demonstrate the school's values through their care, support and nurturing approach. As a result, they provide high quality learning and teaching experiences.
- Children who are confident, caring and empathetic. They treat others with respect and dignity.
- The staff's approach to tracking and monitoring wellbeing and progress which is leading to children making very good progress in their learning.

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

- Continue to work with the school community to develop high quality approaches to outdoor learning.
- Continue to develop approaches to improve children's reading across a wider range of genres and authors.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Coulter Primary School

Quality indicators	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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

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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.

Sue Williams
HM Inspector