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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Lochdonhead 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.

- Compassionate, articulate, independent children who demonstrate an enthusiasm for learning. They are rightly proud of the positive difference they are making in their school and beyond.
- The highly effective leadership and direction of the headteacher and principal teacher. They maintain a continual focus on raising attainment, supporting wellbeing and championing children's rights.
- Very high-quality teaching and learning provision, including innovative and creative approaches to the curriculum, play and outdoor learning. This is enriching all children's learning, curiosity and skills development.
- Well-established, high-quality community and partnership working which has a significant positive impact on children's outcomes and achievement.

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

- Continue to plan and develop ways to engage partners meaningfully in planning school improvement and in evaluating the work of the school.
- Continue to identify and take forward meaningful and well-considered priorities in the school improvement plan which positively impact on outcomes for children.

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 Lochdonhead Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	excellent
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: <https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=3493>

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. Argyll and Bute 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