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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kirklandneuk 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 confident, polite children demonstrate a good understanding of their school values. They are proud of their school, enthusiastic and keen to learn. Relationships at all levels are nurturing and positive.
- The headteacher, ably supported by the senior leadership team, provides clear leadership and direction to the school. This enables the school to move forward at an appropriate pace with its improvement journey. As a result, the staff team demonstrate leadership and look outwards to improve outcomes for children.
- Staff across the school, work very well with families and partners to improve children's health and wellbeing. They collaborate to meet the wellbeing needs of children effectively, including those with barriers to learning.
- Staff encourage and support children to develop leadership skills and take responsibility in a variety of interesting and creative ways. As a result, children contribute confidently and positively to the life and work of the school.

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

- Continue to improve the consistency of approaches to learning, teaching and assessment to ensure all children receive high-quality experiences.
- Continue to raise attainment at all stages across the school, particularly in reading and writing.

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 Kirklandneuk Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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:

[Kirklandneuk Primary School | Inspection Report | 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. 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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