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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Haysholm 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 headteacher's very effective leadership. She has established a culture of continuous improvement across the school and is a very good role model for all staff.
- The school's very effective approaches to developing children's and young people's communication skills. These are resulting in children and young people engaging very well in their learning and to develop their independence.
- The very positive relationships across the school community which creates a very welcoming and caring environment for learning. As result children and young people are happy and enjoy coming to school.
- Teamwork is a particular strength of the school. All staff know the children and young people and their families very well. They are aspirational and work very well together. This is leading to children and young people making very good progress in their learning.

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

- Continue to develop the school's approaches to assessment and moderation.
- Continue to develop the school's partnerships to support young people to successfully move into supported employment, training or further education when they leave school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Haysholm School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

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

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/north-ayrshire/8217742>

### 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. North Ayrshire 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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