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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Hallglen 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 effective leadership of the headteacher, supported by the senior leadership team. They encourage staff to work very effectively together and lead school improvements. Staff are highly motivated to develop further their professional knowledge with children at the centre of all they do.
- Children are proud of their school and keen to learn. They engage enthusiastically in their learning and reflect the school values as they do so.
- The wide range and high-quality of digital learning opportunities. These enhance children's learning and skills for life, learning and work.
- The quality of support offered to children who attend the Wellbeing Hub. This helps children overcome difficulties in learning, supports their wellbeing and improves attendance.
- The high-quality communication and collaboration between senior leaders, staff, key partners and parents/carers of children who attend the enhanced provision. This supports partners and staff to respond promptly and flexibly to any concerns about children's learning and wellbeing. It ensures children in the enhanced provision are making good progress in their learning.

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

- Staff should continue to develop approaches to sharing with children and parents/carers how well they are progressing including next steps in learning. This should ensure that children understand themselves as learners and make the best possible progress.
- Staff should continue to develop the curriculum. This should build on achievements and skills children learn outside of school and support children to learn in their local community and outdoor spaces.

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 Hallglen 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: [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.

Louise Phillips
HM Inspector