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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Knowetop 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.

- Articulate, confident and respectful children. Children's exemplary behaviour and engagement with their learning. The nurturing ethos created by senior leaders and staff which is empowering children to make important contributions to improving their school.
- Children's attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- Senior leaders, teachers, support staff and children who recognise the importance of positive wellbeing. Children receive good support from teachers to develop and discuss their own wellbeing through activities which promote the wellbeing 'indicator of the month'. Children have a clear understanding of their rights.
- Staff from the Visual Impairment Service who provide effective and inclusive support to children through consistently high quality teaching. Children with visual impairments are supported very well and included in all aspects of school life. They are making very good progress in literacy and numeracy.

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

- Improve the strategic leadership of evaluating the work of the school. In particular, senior leaders' and staff's analysis and use of data. By looking outwards, improve the moderation of how well children are learning and achieving against national expectations.
- Continue to develop staff's understanding of the challenges which some children face. Senior leaders should explore ways to help children attain and achieve well within the learning environment.
- Continue to improve the consistency and variety of teaching approaches across the school.
- Continue to improve communication within the school, and between the school and parents.

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 Knowetop Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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=3307>

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 Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Dr Marion Burns
HM Inspector