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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kilbowie Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Centre (ELCC). 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 highly respected headteacher who leads the enthusiastic staff team well. The whole staff team is focussed on ensuring improvement across the school and ELCC becomes embedded in the daily life and work of the school. This is helping to improve outcomes for all children.
- In the ELCC, the Lead Early Learning and Childcare Officer is creating an enthusiastic and motivated team. Together, they are growing in confidence and have a clear focus on improvement. This is already leading to positive outcomes for young children.
- Across the school children are well-behaved, articulate and proud of their school community. They show respect, compassion and kindness to each other and are keen to learn. In the ELCC children play well together and are excited and engaged by their learning.
- Across the school, staff provide strong support for families and children. This is helping children to be ready to learn in the highly inclusive environment.

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

- Across the school and ELCC, staff should continue to develop consistent, high-quality approaches to learning and teaching.
- Across the school, teachers should ensure that they provide activities set at the right level for all children. This includes ensuring all children experience challenge in their learning.
- Staff in the school should continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy for all children.
- In the ELCC, practitioners should continue to develop and embed self-evaluation processes to improve further the work of the setting.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school \(4th edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#). 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 Kilbowie Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Kilbowie Primary School | 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. West Dunbartonshire 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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