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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Mayfield Primary School and Nursery Class. 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 school provides children with a nurturing and inclusive learning environment. Children are very proud of their school and how it helps them to learn. Positive relationships encourage children to do their best and overcome any difficulties that they may have in their learning.
- Empowered by the headteacher and depute headteacher, all staff including janitorial, support staff, early years practitioners and teachers assume leadership roles. Teamwork and commitment to provide high quality learning experiences for children is a major strength of the school.
- Children are happy and very positive in their attitude to school. They are confident, motivated and feel supported in their learning. Of note, is their ability to understand their rights, the school's values and talk about how these apply to them in everyday life.
- The strong leadership of the early years class and improvements that are sustained over a period of time. In addition to this, across the early years class and primary school, the leadership team involve staff very effectively in evaluating the quality of the school. They work very well with staff to review frequently children's progress. As a result, children's progress in literacy and numeracy is very good.
- There is a strong sense of partnership with parents, specialist personnel and the local community which is supporting children's wellbeing and development.

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

- Senior leaders should ensure that information gathered through professional discussions, consultations with parents and children is analysed in a way that allows a clear overview of developments and issues to be addressed. This will support the school in taking forward its strong culture of professional reflection and in planning for improvement.
- Continue to develop approaches to moderation and ensure that the needs of all children are being fully met.

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 Mayfield Primary School and Nursery Class

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

Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	very good
Quality of environment	very good
Quality of staffing	very good
Quality of management and leadership	very good

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and no recommendations. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and one recommendation.

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/8213623> and the [Care Inspectorate website](#).

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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