

19 November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Fairlie Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Fairlie Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The polite, respectful and responsible children. They feel safe and included and are proud to be members of the school community. Children across the school enjoy positive relationships with staff and peers and are very well behaved.
- Children who are engaged in their learning. They work well independently and with other children. Almost all children are eager to learn and they participate actively in lessons.
- The supportive and reflective staff team. They know the children and families very well and are committed to improving outcomes for children. There is a strong sense of belonging across the school community.

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

- The headteacher and teachers should ensure that learning activities provide the correct level of difficulty for all children. This will help to support children to make the best possible progress in their learning and raise attainment.
- The headteacher and teachers should improve approaches to tracking and monitoring children's progress. This will help them to identify attainment gaps and overall trends and support their planning for improvement.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Fairlie Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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:

[Fairlie Primary School | Inspection Report | 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. 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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HM Inspector