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Dear Parent/Carer

We are trying out some new approaches to inspection. You can find out about our engagement with stakeholders and the approaches we are trying out as a result at [Future approaches to inspection and review](#) on our website. The inspection of your school was carried out using one of our new approaches.

In November 2017, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited your school for a total of two days. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate aspects of the quality of leadership and children's achievements.

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

- The very effective leadership of the headteacher supported by the strong teamwork among staff which creates the conditions for further school improvement.
- Friendly, confident children who have a voice in shaping their learning and improving their school.
- The inclusive and nurturing ethos which is evident throughout the school which ensures that children are happy and have opportunities to learn and achieve.
- The recent success in engaging parents in the life of the school.

The following areas for improvement were identified by inspectors:

- Continue to build on the start which has been made to tracking learners' progress across literacy and numeracy and extend this to all curriculum areas.
- Continue to raise attainment.

Quality indicators (QIs) help schools, education authorities and inspectors to identify what is working well and what needs to be improved in the work of the school. You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school*¹? Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for New Cumnock Primary School:

QI 1.1 Self-evaluation for self-improvement	very good
QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement	good

This letter and a more detailed document called the Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at
<https://www.education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/east-ayrshire/8242321>.

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

Morag Gunion
HM Inspector

¹ How good is our school? (4th Edition) 2015 [How good is our school? \(fourth edition\)](https://www.education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/east-ayrshire/8242321)

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