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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Barassie Primary School and Early Years Centre. 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.

- Children's attainment in literacy and English and the good progress being made across the school to develop approaches to help children to learn and make progress in numeracy and mathematics.
- The strong commitment to teamwork in the school and early years centre. All staff work well together. They are keen to take forward school improvements and secure positive outcomes for children.
- The understanding that staff have of children as individuals and the support they provide to help children make progress.
- The strong links which staff in the early years centre have with parents.

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

- The school should build on its positive work on Rights education, and its development of nurturing approaches, and continue to improve relationships across the school.
- Develop more consistent approaches to learning, teaching and assessment across the school and early years centre. These should more clearly inform planning for learning to ensure that all children experience appropriate challenge in their learning.
- Use tracking information to identify more clearly trends and patterns and raise attainment of individuals and groups of children more effectively.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Barassie Primary School and Early Years Centre

| Quality indicators for the primary school  | Evaluation  |
|--|-------------|
| <b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>   | <b>good</b> |
| <b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>  | <b>good</b> |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a> |             |

| Quality indicators for the nursery class   | Evaluation  |
|--|-------------|
| <b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>   | <b>good</b> |
| <b>Securing children's progress</b>  | <b>good</b> |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a> |             |

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-lanarkshire/8504725>

### 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. South 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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