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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Denny 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.

- Children who are enthusiastic about learning and well-supported by staff. As a result, they come to class, 'ready to learn'. They work well independently and together are respectful and supportive of each other.
- Consistent approaches to making sure children are making progress in their learning. Led by the headteacher, this is supporting children to build on what they already know and receive learning at the right level of difficulty.
- Caring, positive relationships, underpinned by shared values which invite everyone across the school and early learning and childcare class to be 'nurturing, curious, ambitious, inclusive and resilient'. Children who experience barriers to their learning are well-supported and motivated to engage in their learning.
- Effective partnership working across the community. This is embedded in the 'Denny Family', which is recognised and celebrated by children, parents, staff and partners.

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

- Staff should continue to work together to raise attainment across the school, so that children's progress in learning keeps improving.
- Teachers should continue to develop approaches to improving children's learning experiences, including through further work in learning through play.
- In the early learning and childcare class, practitioners should continue to use information about children's progress, to provide more opportunities for children to experience challenge in their play.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Denny Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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:

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and Review](#) | [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. Falkirk 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