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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Culross Primary School. 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.

- Friendly, confident children who are keen to learn and to contribute as learners to their school and community.
- Led by an enthusiastic headteacher strong working relationships with staff, parents, partners and the wider school community. This results in a warm and welcoming ethos where children feel valued and proud of their school.
- The emerging good practice in enriching and enhancing learning through outdoor learning and Mandarin.

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

- Continue to improve teachers' skills in analysing a range of data and evidence to raise children's attainment further. Staff should develop more rigour in approaches to moderation, and assessment which lead to securing better improvements in children's progress.
- Continue to develop learning pathways that are relevant to the school's context and support children to make progress and develop appropriate knowledge and skills.
- Continue to improve learning, teaching and assessment to support children to make further progress, and develop appropriate skills and knowledge. In doing so, increase teachers' expectations of children by further increasing the pace of learning. Children should be given more opportunities to lead their learning and evaluate their own progress and next steps in learning.

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 Culross Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/fife/5441528>

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

Sue Williams
HM Inspector