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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Caerlaverock 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, polite, well-behaved children, who are very proud of their school.
- Positive relationships and a strong inclusive ethos across the school. This is resulting in children being very motivated and engaged in their learning. There is a nurturing climate for learning where all children are valued and respected. As a result children demonstrate high levels of kindness and empathy towards each other.
- A highly-effective headteacher and strong, motivated staff team, who work very well together to deliver improvement and change.
- Well-considered approaches to planning learning and teaching are resulting in activities that are very well matched to the needs of individual children.

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

- Staff should continue to work together to ensure that all learners are familiar with their targets, the skills which they are developing and what they need to do to further improve.
- The school should proceed as planned, with strategies and interventions to continue to improve attainment in literacy and numeracy.

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 Caerlaverock Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very 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:
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/dumfries-and-galloway/5940621>

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

Aileen Monaghan
 HM Inspector