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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Gartmore 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.

- The strong staff team work very well together to provide high quality education for every learner. This collaboration leads to highly motivated children who are engaged in their learning.
- Children's very clear understanding of sustainability and their responsibility in caring for the natural world.
- Very effective use of digital technologies across the curriculum and children's understanding of this as a tool for learning.
- The learning experiences outdoors, within the school grounds and in the local community. This contributes to the strong partnership between the school and community.

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

- The school should continue to develop its approaches to assessment and the recording of skills to help children further progress.
- As planned, continue to improve the level of challenge for all children, including the most able learners.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: 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/stirling/5721024>

### 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. Stirling 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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