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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Carradale 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.

- Led effectively by the headteacher, staff foster an inclusive, nurturing ethos across the nursery and school. Children experience very positive relationships with adults and other children. They feel valued, cared for and included in the life of the nursery and school.
- Staff demonstrate highly effective teamwork across the nursery class and school to plan and deliver support for children who require additional help with their learning. Children are well supported in the nursery and school and make good progress.
- Staff and partners provide a wide range of experiences children enjoy within the nursery and in their local community. This is developing children's confidence, language and social skills well.

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

- Develop further approaches to planning learning and checking the progress children make across the curriculum.
- Build on the positive steps taken to ensure all learning experiences across the nursery class and school are relevant, interesting and build on what children know.

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

Quality indicators for the primary stages	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: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition)</a> , <a href="#">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: <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: [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. Argyll and Bute 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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