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Dear Parent/Carer

We are trying out some new approaches to inspection. You can find out about our engagement with stakeholders and the approaches we are trying out as a result at [Future approaches to inspection and review](#) on our website. The inspection of your school was carried out using one of our new approaches.

In September a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited your school for a total of two and a half days. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate aspects of the quality of leadership and children achievements.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work:

- Strong teamwork amongst education staff.
- Welcoming supportive culture which leads to young people feeling safe, cared for and able to seek support when required.
- Approaches to promoting positive behaviour which contributes to a calm environment across the school and supports young people to make positive choices.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Radical Services:

- Develop more rigorous approaches to self-evaluation and school improvement with a clear focus on improving outcomes for young people.
  - Continue to raise young people's attainment and achievement at both the broad general education and senior phase.
  - Develop the curriculum in line with national advice and guidance.
  - Improve the quality and consistency of learning and teaching approaches and raise expectations of what young people can achieve.
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**Quality indicators (QIs) help schools, education authorities and inspectors to identify what is working well and what needs to be improved in the work of the school.** You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school*<sup>1</sup>? Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

## Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Eden Park Academy

<b>QI 1.1 Self-evaluation for self-improvement</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>

This letter and a more detailed document called the Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/east-ayrshire/1070339>

### What happens next?

We will liaise with Radical Services regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school. We will discuss with Radical Services the details of this inspection. Following our return to inspect the school, we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

Steven McPherson  
HM Inspector

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<sup>1</sup> How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) 2015 [How good is our school? \(fourth edition\)](#)

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