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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Netherthird Primary School and Early Childhood Centre. 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.

- Articulate and motivated children who are proud of their school and are enthusiastic learners.
- The supportive and caring ethos across the school and early childhood centre where all children are treated with respect and their views are valued.
- Opportunities for children to take part in interesting and motivating learning activities using meaningful contexts and good use of outdoor spaces.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to assessment and tracking of children's progress to ensure appropriate challenge for all learners.
- Continue to improve learning and teaching to ensure there is consistently high quality practice across all classes.

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

| Quality indicators for the primary school  | 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:<br><a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a> |             |

| Quality indicators for the early childhood centre  | Evaluation       |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>   | <b>very good</b> |
| <b>Securing children's progress</b>  | <b>very good</b> |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><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:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/east-ayrshire/8241120>

### 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. East Ayrshire 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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