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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Deerpark 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 effective leadership of the headteacher. She is supported fully by her senior leadership team and staff. Together they have worked well to lead improvements in the school. This includes creating the correct climate for learning.
- Staff work together enthusiastically and support each other to improve outcomes for children. They recognise and value opportunities to work with partners and have developed strong relationships with parents and the wider community. Parents are becoming increasingly confident to be involved in their children's learning.
- As a team, staff have created a calm, purposeful learning environment in which children and adults demonstrate mutual respect. This nurturing, caring environment supports children well to be happy, friendly and kind to each other.

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

- Staff should continue to review what children learn in order to ensure that children benefit from a wider range of well thought out experiences across all curriculum areas.
- Staff should continue to develop approaches to delivering high-quality learning, teaching and assessment for all children. They should ensure all tasks and activities meet the learning needs of all children, offering appropriate support and challenge where required.
- Staff should continue to improve children's attainment across the school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Deerpark Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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: [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. Clackmannanshire 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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