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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Straiton 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.

- The headteacher leads the strong staff team to achieve the best quality educational experiences for each child in a learning environment which is nurturing and encouraging.
- The motivated children who are engaged in their learning. Their exemplary behaviour is respectful and caring of adults and each other.
- The strong links and involvement with members of the local community. They feel valued by staff and enhance children's outdoor experiences and enterprise activities.

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

- The school should take steps to increase the pace and progression of children's learning to raise attainment.
- Assessment data collected from a range of sources should now be acted upon more consistently to ensure maximum impact on the attainment of a few learners across the school.
- A structured approach to develop more independent learners, who can talk about their learning and be clear about their next steps.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) 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 Straiton Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-ayrshire/8234825> .

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. South 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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HM Inspector