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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Thornliebank Primary School – Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Thornliebank. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Thornliebank Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

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

- Children are confident and articulate. They engage positively in their learning. They work well together, support one another and demonstrate the school's values well. Children are very proud of their school.
- The headteacher works effectively with the whole staff team to create a warm, welcoming and nurturing climate for learning. As a result, children feel safe, valued and cared for.
- Staff implement a range of high-quality interventions for children who require additional support in their learning. This is helping them to make improved progress in their learning.
- Children are making very good progress in developing their understanding of spoken Gàidhlig. They are supported very well by the teachers' skilful use of immersion approaches.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from East Renfrewshire Council.

- Senior leaders and teachers should continue to ensure a consistent approach to high-quality learning experiences for all children across the school. This should include increasing the opportunities children have to lead their own learning.
- Staff should continue working together to raise further children's attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to implement the strategic plan for Gàidhlig Medium and Learners Education. They should continue to increase partnerships with speakers of Gàidhlig in the community, Gàidhlig groups, and other local and national groups. This should give children further opportunities to use and develop their Gàidhlig.

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

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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

[Thornliebank Primary School | Inspection Report | 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. East Renfrewshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Victoria Morgan
HM Inspector