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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Craigbank Primary School. 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's achievements.

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

- The headteacher's commitment to self-evaluation and improving outcomes for all children. She has developed her knowledge of the school very well in a short time. As a result, she has built relationships with children, staff, parents and the supportive parent council very successfully.
- Staff work well as a team and take on additional leadership roles which effectively support the implementation of school improvement priorities.
- Children's willingness to lead and participate in groups to improve the school, and their enthusiasm in having their say about matters affecting them.

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

- As planned, develop opportunities to involve all stakeholders more fully in the school's self-evaluation work to ensure the greatest impact on improving children's attainment, achievement and wellbeing.
- Continue to develop a positive ethos and culture where all children are involved fully in their learning, and make the best possible progress in their literacy and numeracy.
- Continue to engage in moderation activities and in sharing good practice within and beyond the school. Develop a shared standard consistently across all stages to ensure raised attainment and achievement for all children.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, education 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 evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Craigbank Primary School

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Self-evaluation for self-improvement	satisfactory
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 .	

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/clackmannanshire/5701627>

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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