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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Fallside School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- The headteacher's clear vision for change. She has made a positive start in driving forward school improvements. Staff and partners are being well supported to contribute to school improvement and quicken the pace of change at the school.
- The extensive range of partners who are enhancing young people's learning experiences. The use of learning outdoors and visiting specialists provides motivating and engaging learning activities for young people.

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

- Develop consistently high quality learning, teaching and assessment across the school. Teachers need to plan lessons which better meet young people's needs. They also need to more rigorously assess, monitor and track young people's progress.
- Improve young people's attainment across all curricular areas.
- Improve attendance and ensure that all young people receive their entitlement to a full-time education.

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 Fallside School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
Raising attainment and achievement	weak
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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2559>

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with North Lanarkshire Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within 12 months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with North Lanarkshire Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

Graeme Gordon
HM Inspector