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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2022, inspectors from Education Scotland visited Glenbarr 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.

- Lively and enthusiastic children who are rightly proud of their school. They thrive as a result of the very positive relationships and caring approach of staff.
- The strong sense of community and teamwork. All staff play an important role in the life of the school. Together, they are making a difference for children and families. Parents are valued as partners in their children's education.
- Teachers use highly effective approaches to meet the wellbeing and learning needs of children. They make very good use of the outdoors and involve children in decision making. As a result, lessons and activities are motivating and children make very good progress in their learning.
- The highly effective, nurturing leadership of the headteacher and depute headteacher. They have led a clear process of change and improvement through very challenging circumstances. Their passion for ensuring that no-one misses out is ensuring equity of opportunity for all children.

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

- Continue to build on memorable and exciting learning experiences, which will prepare children well for the future.

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 Glenbarr Primary School.

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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. Argyll and Bute 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