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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Barsail 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.

- The motivational leadership of the headteacher. She promotes a strong sense of teamwork, with everyone involved in progressing the work of the school. She is supported ably by the depute headteacher and the principal teacher.
- Children who are friendly, polite and eager to learn. They work well together, support one another and demonstrate the school's values well. They feel happy, safe and included in decisions about school life.
- The highly effective leadership of all staff and their relentless focus on improving outcomes for children. The increasing opportunities staff provide for children to lead learning and influence the life and work of the school.
- Highly effective approaches to developing staff, children's and parents' knowledge and understanding of the language of wellbeing, nurturing values and a caring and compassionate ethos.
- The rigorous processes for identifying children who may require additional support for learning and the quality and range of support helping children to overcome barriers to learning.
- The significant dedication of all staff to professional learning. They focus on research-based approaches to further develop and implement creative learning and teaching. This leads to improving outcomes for children.

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

- Staff should continue to develop approaches to planning, assessment and moderation of learning and teaching to meet the needs of all children. This should include increasing opportunities for children to use their learning in new and unfamiliar situations.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Barsail Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

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

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### 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. Renfrewshire 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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