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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Langbank 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 effective leadership of the headteacher in taking forward important improvements in the work of the school. Along with staff, he has developed more robust approaches to monitoring children's progress in their learning. This is allowing teachers to design more individualised support and challenge so that children can access learning at a more appropriate pace.
- A nurturing and caring school community where children are polite and well-behaved. They are very proud of their unique environment that they describe as a 'family' environment. They engage well in learning tasks and activities and show empathy and respect to one another and to their teachers.
- Highly motivated staff across the school who have worked in a focused way to bring about key changes and improvements. Recent developments are helping to improve learning experiences and improve outcomes for all children.

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

- Continue to develop collaborative approaches to school improvement and engage with colleagues more widely. This should involve all staff and stakeholders from the outset.
- Keep under review approaches to assessing children's progress in attainment and achievements. Importantly, this should include ways to monitor key skills development. The school is now well-placed to streamline and review approaches to assessment and strengthen teacher professional judgement of children's overall progress.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>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:  
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/renfrewshire/8643121>

### 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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