

22 May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

In March 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bothwell 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.

- Well-mannered and confident children who are enthusiastic about, and motivated by learning. They are proud of their school.
- Effective identification and support for children who require additional help with their learning.
- The senior leadership team, who have helped to create an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all. They demonstrate a strong commitment to school improvement and maintain a relentless focus on securing better outcomes for all learners.
- Strong partnerships with parents and across the school community which enrich and support children's learning.

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

- To raise attainment further, there is a need to ensure all children experience consistently high quality learning and teaching. The staff team should work together to agree higher shared expectations for all learners.
- Continue to improve the curriculum. In doing so, develop a curriculum rationale that reflects the unique community of Bothwell, and which supports relevance, depth and progression across all curriculum areas.

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 Bothwell Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8520623>

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. South Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Susan Duff
HM Inspector