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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Auchenlodment Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Class. 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.

- Enthusiastic, confident and engaged children who demonstrate daily the chosen values of Auchenlodment Primary. They are highly motivated by meaningful leadership opportunities and are very proud of their school and Early Learning and Childcare class.
- The strong, effective leadership of the headteacher and depute headteacher. They are deeply committed to supporting children and staff to lead change which is continuing to improve outcomes for all learners.
- A committed staff team with a strong focus on nurture, inclusion and promoting wellbeing for all children. Staff provide children with opportunities to improve their wellbeing, celebrate their successes, increase participation and contribute to improving the work of the school and Early Learning and Childcare class.
- Across the establishment, all staff work very well together as a team. They engage enthusiastically in professional learning and reflect effectively on their practice. This is driving forward improvement and securing positive outcomes for children.

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

- Continue to embed approaches which support raising attainment in writing and numeracy.
- Continue to develop learning pathways to support children to build their skills across the curriculum.
- Practitioners should explore how they can develop the playroom further to provide children with access to spaces and resources to help them lead their own learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) 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 Auchenlodment Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	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>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>	

Quality indicators for the Early Learning and Childcare Class	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

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. 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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