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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Stane Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Stane Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Children benefit from calm, purposeful and inclusive learning environments. Senior leaders and staff provide caring and nurturing support which helps children engage positively with school.
- Teachers use high-quality questioning regularly. This is having a positive impact on children's learning. Children are given space and regular opportunities to explain their thinking which helps them talk confidently about their learning.
- Senior leaders' track and monitor children's attendance and progress well. This is helping children feel included in the school and leading to improvements in children's achievements and attainment.

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

- Teachers need to use assessment information better to develop clearer learning goals for children. Senior leaders should support teachers to develop clearer plans for children who require additional support with their learning. Together these should ensure activities and experiences match well to all children's needs and are set at the right level of difficulty.
- Staff should help children recognise the skills they are developing through their achievements. This includes creating a system to record the progression of skills as children move through the school.

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 Stane Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	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: [Find an inspection report | 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. North Lanarkshire 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