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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Calderwood 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 aspirational and inclusive culture of learning in Calderwood Primary School. All staff provide encouraging and nurturing relationships. As a result, children are highly motivated and engage very well in their learning across the curriculum.
- Consistently high-quality teaching and learning. The headteacher and senior leaders support teachers very well to continuously reflect on and develop their practice. All staff engage in extensive professional learning and collaboration which impacts positively on children's experiences.
- Staff, parents and community partners work very well together to provide experiences and events that support all children to participate and achieve success. Children benefit particularly from encouragement and learning from each other.
- Children's strong progress and attainment in literacy and numeracy. Staff identify any gaps in learning effectively and plan well-considered support so that all children can achieve their potential.

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

- As planned, staff should continue to develop ways to support children to identify their own next steps, and to reflect on the skills they are developing across their learning, over time.

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 Calderwood Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	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 (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Calderwood Primary School | 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. 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.

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HM Inspector