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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Wallacestone Primary and Nursery 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.

- The very effective headteacher fosters a culture of continuous improvement and leads the school community in a nurturing, caring and supportive way. Senior leaders and parents support him well to progress effectively the work of the school and nursery class.
- Across the school, children and staff use digital technologies in an innovative way to help motivate and engage children in learning. Children who require additional support use technology well to support their participation in learning.
- Staff in the school and nursery class have a strong focus on wellbeing. This is helping children talk articulately about their emotions and how they feel. In the school, teachers support children very well to understand the rights of themselves and others, supporting empathy and understanding in daily life.
- Across the school and nursery, staff know the children and families very well. They work effectively with parents and partners to meet the needs of children who require additional support.

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

- Within the school, senior leaders should now work together with staff to improve understanding of the national standards required to achieve a Curriculum for Excellence level.
- Staff should work together to improve the consistency of the quality of learning and teaching across the school.
- Within the school and nursery, senior leaders should now work together with staff to review approaches to assessment to support attainment and progress.

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 Wallacestone Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	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>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 nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>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: [Wallacestone Primary School | 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. Falkirk 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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