

29 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kilbarchan Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the acting headteacher and staff.

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

- The acting headteacher and senior leadership team have led the creation of a positive, nurturing culture across the school. Staff work well together to ensure children learn in a caring and supportive environment.
- Children are confident and well-mannered. They enjoy participating in a range of roles, clubs and activities. This is helping them to develop a range of skills for learning, life and work.
- Approaches to learning through play at the early level are promoting younger children's curiosity and creativity.
- Senior leaders use information about children's progress well to support children who require additional help with their learning.

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

- Staff should continue to develop high quality and consistent approaches to learning and teaching. They should ensure all children receive learning at the right level of difficulty to help them make the best possible progress.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to focus on improving attainment, particularly in writing.
- Staff should continue to work together to plan more effectively for all curricular areas, ensuring children build on their knowledge and skills as they 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 Kilbarchan 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 | Inspection and review | 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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HM Inspector