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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Cumbrae Primary School 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 positive nurturing relationships between all staff and children in the school and nursery. Children are confident, secure and engage very well in learning.
- The highly respected and aspirational headteacher who is driving school improvement. She is supported very well by an effective and resilient staff team. Together they are successfully improving children's attainment, experiences and outcomes.
- The high-quality experiences, including outdoor learning, community projects and learning through play. Learning is well planned and effectively supported by a range of partners. This is leading to positive outcomes for children.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from North Ayrshire Council.

- Provide children with further opportunities to lead their learning and recognise the skills they are developing through learning experiences.
- Continue to develop the nursery environment, both indoors and outside, to ensure all curriculum areas are planned well. Ensure that children are engaged and challenged fully in their learning.
- In the nursery, continue to develop play and learning experiences around the wellbeing indicators. This will support children to develop a greater sense of their own health and wellbeing.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) 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 Cumbrae Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: 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 Ayrshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Nicola Drew
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