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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Ochiltree 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.

- Children who are considerate, respectful, polite to each other and eager to learn. They are very proud of their school.
- Staff teamwork, led by the headteacher, which creates a positive environment for learning. Relationships across the school are strong.
- The school's engagement in the wider community has developed strong partnerships which are enhancing the children's learning experiences and opportunities for achievement.

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

- Continue to build on teaching strengths to ensure consistently high quality learning and teaching with appropriate levels of pace and challenge at all stages.
- Continue to further develop a shared understanding of standards, expectations and levels of attainment and achievement for Ochiltree Primary 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 Ochiltree 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:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/east-ayrshire/8242623>

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. East Ayrshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Lorraine Fisher
HM Inspector