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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Auchinloch 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.

- Leadership of the headteacher who has quickly identified, and is taking forward, areas for improvement across the school through a well-managed pace of change. Staff are actively on board in the school's improvement journey.
- Children who are keen, enthusiastic and motivated to learn throughout the nursery and primary classes. They are confident in sharing their achievements with visitors to the school, including the many parents who support the school by sharing their skills.

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

- As identified by the headteacher, continue to develop self-evaluation to further improve the school and ensure that children make the very best progress.
- Ensure consistency of high quality learning and teaching, with a focus on pace and challenge through high expectations and standards.
- Continue to develop tracking, monitoring and moderation in order to raise attainment. Improved information will also offer opportunities to increase parental involvement in the sharing of learning and progress.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Auchinloch Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
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:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/north-lanarkshire/8340129>.

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

Sally Stewart
HM Inspector