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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Allanton 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 and nursery's work.

- Happy, enthusiastic and confident children who enjoy learning in nursery and school. They show respect, care and kindness as they learn and play together. Children are very proud of their school and nursery.
- The hardworking staff team across the school and nursery. They work very well together to create a warm, calm, nurturing environment where children are encouraged to work hard and achieve.
- The very effective use of digital technology to support learning and teaching. Children across the school use a range of tools and platforms confidently to enhance their learning across the curriculum, and to develop their digital skills.

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

- Develop further consistently high-quality approaches to learning and teaching. This includes ensuring children have regular opportunities to lead learning across the school and nursery class.
- Develop further approaches to check children's progress in all areas of their learning across the school and nursery class. Senior leaders should now increase their focus on measuring children's progress over the longer term. They should use a range of information to ensure a clear picture of children's progress over time.
- Teachers and practitioners should develop further their use of assessment to inform planning. This should support all children to make the best possible progress in their learning across the curriculum.

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 Allanton Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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: [Details | Find an inspection report | 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. 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.

Victoria Morgan
HM Inspector