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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Sikeside 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 strong leadership and the team work of all staff, in both the primary and the nursery and their caring and inclusive approach to the children.
- Children who are well behaved, confident and motivated by their learning.
- Teachers and practitioners who, through their professional development and shared leadership, are improving and providing positive learning experiences for all children.

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

- Continue to raise children's attainment in literacy and numeracy by improving strategic approaches to tracking and monitoring to monitor how well children are progressing in their learning.
- Ensure the needs of all children are met by continuing to develop further rigorous processes to improve the school's self-evaluation.

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 Sikeside Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4358>

What happens next?

We will ask North Lanarkshire Council for a report on progress with the agreed areas for improvement within six months of the publication of this letter. Taking account of the progress report, we will then decide whether further engagement with the school is required. North Lanarkshire Council will write to you again detailing the improvements the school has made and outlining any further action that we intend to take, as agreed with North Lanarkshire Council.

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HM Inspector