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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Mauchline Primary School and Early Childhood Centre. 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 highly effective leadership of the headteacher and senior leaders. Together, they set a clear direction for the school, based on a thorough understanding of the strengths and areas for improvement.
- The respectful, happy and motivated children who are proud of their school and early childhood centre. They show confidence, kindness and respect and demonstrate the school values as they interact well with one another.
- The strong and collaborative teamwork of staff in the school. Together, they focus on high-quality learning, teaching and assessment which is leading to consistent experiences and improved outcomes for children. Staff make very effective use of the school's learning spaces to provide a range of stimulating and meaningful learning experiences.
- The positive relationships staff build with children and their families and the approaches to supporting their wellbeing in the school and early childhood centre. Children learn within a highly inclusive environment.
- The consistently high levels of children's attainment and achievement over time across the school. Staff use data about children's learning very effectively. This is helping staff to have a firm understanding of children's progress.

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

- Senior leaders should continue to build the capacity of all practitioners to lead changes across the early childhood centre. In doing so, they need to ensure children experience high quality learning in all areas of the curriculum.
- In the early childhood centre, practitioners should continue to improve the approaches to observing children, planning for their learning and tracking their progress. This will help to ensure all children make the best possible progress.

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 Mauchline 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	very 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: [Mauchline Primary School | 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. 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.

Simon Gallon
HM Inspector