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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Braidwood 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's work.

- The strong leadership and clear direction provided by the new headteacher in developing a vision and school community, where all staff and children are nurtured and valued.
- The 'learning family' ethos across the school which is supported by a staff team who work well together and have a shared aspiration for the school community.
- The articulate, capable, confident children who are motivated and engaged in their learning.
- The emerging good practice in enhancing and enriching learning through the use of digital technologies across the curriculum.

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

- Continue to develop learning and teaching approaches, including through play, to ensure that all children are appropriately challenged and have opportunities to take increasing leadership for their own learning.
- Continue to develop children's understanding of themselves as a learner, supported by effective target setting which informs their own next steps in learning.
- As planned, develop the use of outdoor learning to extend the range of meaningful and relevant contexts for learning while maximising the opportunities for developing skills for learning, life and work.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, education 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 evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Braidwood Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8545820>

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

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