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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Fisherton Primary School and Early Years 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.

- Respectful and friendly children who are kind to one another and proud of their many achievements. They thrive in the caring, family ethos and have very positive attitudes to their learning.
- The commitment of all staff to ensuring a caring, supportive and nurturing ethos. Very effective approaches to health and wellbeing underpin the work of all. This enables all children to feel safe and included, and to enjoy success in their learning.
- The extensive range of highly successful partnerships with parents, professionals and the local community. These partnerships enrich children's experiences and enhance the curriculum.
- The effective and astute leadership of the headteacher. She has gained the confidence of the whole school community in a very short space of time. She has a clear vision for the future development of the school and early years centre.

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

- Continue to find creative ways to involve staff, parents and partners in planning for future improvements.
- At the primary stages, continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy by sharing best practice in learning, teaching and assessment amongst the staff team.
- In the early years centre, provide more opportunities for children to develop their curiosity and creativity. Continue to develop approaches to learning outdoors.

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 Fisherton Primary School and Early Years Centre

| Quality indicators for the primary stages | Evaluation |
|--|------------------|
| Leadership of change | good |
| Learning, teaching and assessment | good |
| Raising attainment and achievement | good |
| Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion | 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 |
| Securing children's progress | good |
| Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion | very good |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale | |

Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

| Care Inspectorate standards | Grade |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Quality of care and support | very good |
| Quality of environment | good |

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and no recommendations. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-ayrshire/8233225>

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 Ayrshire 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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