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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Caldervale High School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Positive relationships between staff and young people in the classroom. As a result, young people are motivated and ready to learn.
- An effective transition programme for young people moving from primary to secondary school. This supports their sense of belonging to the Caldervale High School community.
- The increase in the numbers of young people obtaining literacy and numeracy qualifications. Staff have had a positive impact on increasing presentation levels in the senior phase.

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

- Senior leaders should improve strategic leadership at all levels across the school, so that all members of the school community contribute meaningfully to improving their school.
- Teachers should improve the consistency and quality of learners' experiences.
- Staff need to ensure that programmes and courses are carefully planned and designed to meet the needs of all learners.
- Staff should develop young people's understanding of wellbeing and its relevance to their lives.
- Staff should raise attainment for all young people, including a focus on effective targeting of gaps in knowledge and skills.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). 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 Caldervale High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	weak
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	weak
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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 (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Inspection and Review | Education Scotland](#)

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings, we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with North Lanarkshire Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within six months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with North Lanarkshire Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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HM Inspector