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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Baldernock 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 creative use of the outdoor environment and parental partnerships to enrich experiences and promote physical, emotional and social wellbeing for children.
- Enthusiastic and motivated children who attain and achieve well in literacy and numeracy. They are happy in their learning and proud of their school.
- Strong and effective leadership team in the school which is providing a clear direction for the school and supporting leadership at all levels. The collaborative approach to professional learning.

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

- Continue to improve use of information on children's progress to inform planning next steps in learning and explore ways to engage children effectively in this process.
- Continue to develop further professional development opportunities working with colleagues in and outwith school to increase awareness of the moderation cycle, national standards and expectations.

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 Baldernock Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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	

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=1522>.

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 Dunbartonshire 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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HM Inspector