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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Firpark 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.

- Led by senior leaders, staff have established an inclusive school culture. This results in children engaging well, making good progress in learning and sustaining positive levels of attendance.
- Children are making good progress and are becoming increasingly successful in listening, talking, reading and numeracy.
- Staff's approaches to developing children's health and wellbeing is leading to children building important skills that help them engage with their learning. Children are increasing their participation in sporting activities, including personal success in swimming.
- The work of the Parent Council in providing strong support to children and the school as a whole. It is influencing meaningful change for children with additional support needs.

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

- Senior leaders and staff should continue to develop approaches to planning learning for children. They should improve how they track the progress children are making and ensure all children attain as highly as possible.
- Staff and teachers should develop further creative approaches to teaching and learning. This should include increased use of outdoor spaces, the local community and digital technologies to enhance children's learning.
- Staff and teachers should ensure that all children across the school participate in challenging learning matched to their needs. Learning activities should provide more opportunities for children to develop their writing skills.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Firpark Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	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: [Find an 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. North 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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HM Inspector