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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Redburn 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.

- Children and young people who are happy and enjoy being at school. They benefit from nurturing approaches and positive relationships with staff.
- The headteacher, who has brought strong leadership and stability to the school with support from her senior leadership team and the local authority. She has made significant progress in bringing staff together and is developing important partnerships within the local learning community.
- The resilience and commitment of the staff team and their contribution to supporting the school as it continues to improve.
- Approaches to monitoring the progress children and young people are making and how this is helping staff identify their next steps in learning.
- The commitment and support of parents and carers to the school.

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

- Develop the curriculum to ensure it reflects the school aims and that children have opportunities to learn in relevant and meaningful contexts.
- Continue to implement approaches to evaluating the work of the school that identify what needs to be improved.
- Develop creative learning and teaching approaches with a greater focus on active learning and lifeskills.
- Improve learner participation to ensure all children and young people have opportunities to make decisions about their learning and contribute to improving the school and wider community.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

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=4169>

### 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.

Monica Reilly  
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