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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Dreghorn Primary School and Nursery Class. 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 headteacher and staff who have created a positive collegiate and supportive ethos across the school. They have rightly prioritised the importance of developing and building relationships in taking the school forward on its journey of improvement.
- Teachers who support and care well for children and who create nurturing classrooms. The children are welcoming and friendly.
- Staff who work in the Education Support Resource provide a well-planned and highly caring experience for their children.
- The strong teamwork in the nursery. Practitioners are highly motivated to take forward improvements and to ensure a nurturing and respectful setting to secure positive outcomes for children and families.

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

- The headteacher and her staff need to raise attainment for all children. Staff should work together to create a shared understanding of high quality learning and teaching to ensure positive outcomes for all children.
- Teachers should work closely together to increase the pace of learning in lessons. There needs to be a review of teaching time to make sure time for learning is maximised.
- Planning for children with additional support needs (ASN) should be reviewed and improved across the school and nursery. Targets and support should be more clearly documented. Targets for children with ASN need to be tracked more carefully to make sure all children progress and achieve their full potential.
- In the nursery class, practitioners need to focus more on ensuring depth and challenge supported by high quality interactions. In doing so, children should be supported to have a greater role in leading their learning.

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

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</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>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</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 early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

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

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	good
Quality of management and leadership	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 or 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/north-ayrshire/8211124>

### 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 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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