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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Stepps 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 friendly, confident, polite children who proudly welcome visitors to their school and nursery class. They demonstrate the school values well and are kind and respectful to each other and adults.
- The strong sense of staff teamwork across the school and nursery class. Staff support each other well and show a collective commitment to improving outcomes for all children.
- The headteacher and depute headteacher who demonstrate effective leadership and are highly respected by the school community. They have created a nurturing and positive ethos and lead by example in the way they interact with and support children.
- The high levels of attainment in literacy and numeracy. Children benefit from a wide variety of opportunities for wider achievement which is enabling them to make meaningful contributions to the life and work of the school.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to learning and teaching to enable children to lead their own learning. In doing so, ensure children who require it, benefit from a greater level of challenge in learning.
- As planned, practitioners in the nursery class should continue to develop a more responsive approach to planning children's learning. This should be based on robust observations of children's interests and progress.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Stepps Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very 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>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</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>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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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