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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Elmvale 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 are welcoming, well-mannered, confident and proud of their school. They eagerly participate in improvement groups and contribute positively to the wider life of their school.
- Staff foster positive and caring relationships with children and know children and families well. This helps to establish a supportive, respectful learning environment.
- Staff have improved their approaches to teaching numeracy and mathematics across the school. This is resulting in improved attainment for children.

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

- Teachers should continue to improve the quality and consistency of learning, teaching and assessment across the school. This includes improvements to how teachers plan learning to meet the needs of children better.
- Senior leaders should continue to support teachers to improve their ability to assess children's progress accurately. Staff should work together and with colleagues from other schools to review regularly national standards in order to apply them confidently.
- Staff should continue to raise the attainment of children in literacy and numeracy. They should have high expectations of all children and ensure children are supported to attain and achieve to their full potential.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</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: [Elmvale School | 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. Dumfries and Galloway 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