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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Borestone Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Borestone Primary School nursery class has been inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months, therefore, the local authority and headteacher had the option to include the nursery class for inspection. The local authority and headteacher made the decision for only the primary school classes to be inspected and therefore the contents of the letter do not include the nursery class.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The warm, nurturing and inclusive ethos across the school. Staff demonstrate care and support for all children and ensure everyone is fully included in the life of the school.
- Successful approaches to meeting the wellbeing needs of children and families that lead to confident, happy children who behave well and are keen to learn. They are proud of being part of the 'Borestone family'.
- The effectiveness of the headteacher and all staff in helping children to understand and develop their own wellbeing. Children understand and talk well about the different aspects of their wellbeing. Staff support them effectively to develop their wellbeing further.

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

- Continue to strengthen the remit of promoted staff to improve approaches to self-evaluation. This should help senior leaders to ensure change is embedded and results in positive outcomes for all children.
- Continue to improve learning, teaching and assessment to ensure all children experience consistently high-quality learning experiences, which are set at the right level for them.
- Increase opportunities for children to use their skills in literacy and numeracy in a range of relevant contexts to help raise the attainment of all children.
- Continue to develop a curriculum which reflects the context of the school and meets the needs of all learners.

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

Quality Indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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:
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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. Stirling Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Katharine Crombie
 HM Inspector