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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Moniaive Primary 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.

- Strong relationships in the school, and between the school and its local community, are leading to a positive climate in which children are valued and included.
- Learning conversations between children, teachers and parents are helping children speak confidently about their learning and successes.
- Most children are making good progress in reading and can read fluently and with expression

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

- Staff should continue to work together to set and agree high standards for effective learning and teaching. This should include an increased pace of learning, and well-matched tasks, activities and resources in all classes to provide effective support and increased challenge for all children.
- Teachers should make more effective use of assessment to inform their planning of learning and teaching, and to track and monitor all children's progress. They also need to continue to engage in a range of moderation activities to increase their understanding of national assessment standards.
- The school needs to offer increased and sustained opportunities for children to achieve.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
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:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/dumfries-and-galloway/5938023>

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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