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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Amisfield 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 positive relationships and a warm welcoming family environment.
- Children's deep understanding of disability, diversity and wellbeing. They engage confidently in conversations about their own wellbeing and that of others. They know about and can apply helpful strategies to support their mental health.
- The headteacher's leadership and direction in addressing relationships, sexual health and parenthood with the school, across the local authority and at a national level.
- Teamwork of all staff and the local and wider community in improving learning experiences for children.

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

- Ensure that children experience a broad curriculum and staff develop a shared understanding of national standards to raise attainment further.
- Improve children's skills in independent learning. Ensure appropriate pace and challenge of learning taking greater account of what children already know.

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 Amisfield Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
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/5935229>

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.

Elizabeth C Montgomery
 HM Inspector