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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Gartconner Primary School and Early Years Centre. 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.

- Senior leaders and the staff team who have created a positive culture of learning in the school and nursery. Staff support children effectively to develop a shared understanding of how to be successful.
- Teachers and practitioners enthusiastic and collaborative approach to professional learning is leading to improved outcomes for children.
- Children who are confident, respectful and eager to learn in both the school and nursery. They benefit from positive trusting relationships with teachers and other adults who work with them. They are proud of their school and nursery.
- The strong practice in numeracy and literacy lessons. This is developing well the literacy and numeracy skills of children and improving their outcomes.

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

- Senior leaders should work with all staff to further develop the ways children learn about, develop and discuss skills in all curricular areas across the school and the nursery.
- All staff should develop further their quality assurance processes in learning, teaching and assessment in the school. This includes the further development of sharing good practice in the quality of teaching and learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) 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 Gartconner Primary School and Early Years Centre

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Securing children's progress	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and review | 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. East Dunbartonshire 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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