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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Braidhurst High School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- The new headteacher's clear vision to improve the school further. She is working well with senior leaders, staff and other members of the school community to improve young people's experiences, progress in learning, and attainment.
- The strong, respectful ethos and sense of community across the school, which is supported by positive relationships. Young people and their families, and staff, are proud of their school community.
- Young people's many achievements, and development of skills, through a wide range of school activities. There is strong and creative work of staff and partners to ensure that almost all young people progress to a positive destination on leaving school.

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

- Ensure that plans for school improvement engage fully young people, staff, parents, and partners. Young people should be highly involved in decisions about the school and all staff should have a clear role in leading school improvement.
- Teachers should develop an agreed understanding of high-quality learning and teaching and ensure its consistent use across the school.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to review the curriculum to ensure appropriate and progressive pathways for learners.
- All staff, led by the headteacher, should develop robust approaches to improving attainment, especially in literacy and numeracy, ensuring that all young people attain to their full potential.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Braidhurst High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</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:

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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. North Lanarkshire 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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