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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Brownhall 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.

- Children are articulate, enthusiastic and proud of their school. They understand and use their school values very well in their learning, friendships and relationships.
- Led very effectively by the headteacher, staff work well together to create a positive and nurturing environment for learning. They understand the needs of all children and families. Staff use this information effectively to provide important supports that result in children making very good progress in their learning.
- Staff work very well with a range of partners. This is helping children to understand their local community and to develop skills for life beyond school.

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

- Staff should continue to improve children's writing. Children across all stages should have further opportunities to write for different purposes.

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 Brownhall Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	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:

[Brownhall School | Inspection Report | 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. 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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HM Inspector