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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Gourock 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.

- The school's approaches to improving the wellbeing outcomes for children. Through the work of the school in this area, children are developing an excellent understanding of what they need to do to build resilience and make effective contributions to their local community.
- The outstanding leadership and vision of the headteacher and depute headteacher. Together with the staff team, they are strongly committed to improving outcomes for children and ensuring they are equipped to be successful, articulate and responsible.
- Children who are motivated and engaged in their learning. They are highly skilled in reflecting on their strengths and identifying what they need to do to improve.
- Well-planned opportunities for staff, children, parents and partners to be involved in evaluating the work of the school. This creates a school community in which all stakeholders are valued and contribute to school improvement.
- Children's skills in literacy and how they are applying these skills across their learning.

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

- Continue, as planned, to improve aspects of numeracy by building on current strengths.
- Continue to develop creative approaches to learning and teaching including greater use of digital technologies.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the schools 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 Gourock Primary School

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

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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at;

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/inverclyde/8641323>

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. Inverclyde 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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