

29 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Dykehead 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 positive relationships staff develop with children and their families. This promotes the calm, purposeful learning environment across the school.
- The consistent approach teachers' use to how they teach numeracy. This is leading to improvements in children's attainment in numeracy and mathematics.
- The range of interventions provided for children who require additional support in their learning. This helps them to make improved progress in their learning.

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

- Teachers should continue to develop their approaches to learning and teaching to ensure all children's learning provides increased levels of challenge.
- Teachers need to continue to be supported to develop a fuller understanding of when children achieve a level.
- Staff should continue to raise children's attainment, particularly in reading and writing.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Dykehead Primary School

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

[Dykehead Primary 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. 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.

Graeme Gordon  
HM Inspector