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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited West Coats 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 experience very positive and nurturing relationships with adults and other children. This supports the inclusive learning environment where children know they are valued and are proud members of their school community.
- The headteacher has led the staff team successfully to improve links with parents and the wider school community. This approach is impacting positively on attendance and the quality of children's experiences.
- Teachers have worked well with senior leaders to ensure children make better progress in their learning. This is leading to improved outcomes in writing and for children who require additional support with their learning.

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

- Continue to develop high-quality learning and teaching across the school. Ensure all children experience appropriate levels of challenge across the curriculum.
- Build on approaches to checking the progress children make as they move through the school. Make effective use of the information gathered to plan learning that ensures all children make the best possible progress.

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 West Coats Primary School

Quality indicators	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	

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. South Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Marion Carlton
HM Inspector