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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Stonelaw 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 outstanding, inspirational and understated leadership of the headteacher. Supported by her highly effective senior leadership team, she reinforces consistently the shared vision and values of 'Building Tomorrow Today'. Staff, young people and parents work collaboratively and constructively across the school. This is impacting positively on learners' experiences in a number of important areas.
- Very high-quality teaching which supports young people very effectively in their learning. Teachers use a range of very skilful approaches to check that young people understand how to be successful in their learning. Teachers then use this to help inform their planning of learning, teaching and assessment.
- The outstanding approaches to supporting young people's wellbeing. As a result, young people feel very well supported, valued, respected and included in the life of the school. The pupil support team are highly responsive to the needs of all young people and ensure that they receive the help they require with their learning.
- Young people who attain well in S1 to S3 and across a number of national attainment measures in S4 to S6.
- The positive attributes and skills that young people develop as a result of their extensive participation in achievements. This is very well supported through robust planning, tracking and monitoring which ensures success for almost all young people.

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

- Continue to implement the areas for improvement identified in the school improvement plan.

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 Stonelaw High School

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

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HM Inspector