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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Beith Primary School and Nursery Class. 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.

- Positive relationships are a strength of the school and nursery. Staff's passion for and commitment to children's rights and wellbeing underpins their work. This is leading to children who are confident, secure and happy in the school and nursery.
- The headteacher demonstrates strong and strategic leadership. She has created a climate of continuous improvement which is developing leadership at all levels.
- Teachers and practitioners have a strong collegiate approach to professional learning. They work well together to improve children's experiences which ensures children are motivated and eager to learn.
- Senior leaders' and staff's effective use of data allows them to identify and plan the correct interventions for children. They deliver well-planned support which is helping children to experience success.

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

- In the nursery, continue to develop approaches to support children to talk about their wellbeing through the focus on children's rights. This will support the planned work on improving children's opportunities to explore diversity.
- In the school, as planned, continue to develop approaches to assess children's learning and track their progress across all curricular areas.
- In the school and nursery, continue to help children to identify and talk about the skills they are developing through the range of experiences they take part in.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) 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 Beith Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</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>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: 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. North Ayrshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Gillian Frew  
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