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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bothwellpark 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 acting headteacher and senior leaders have established a school culture based on supportive and positive relationships. As a result, young people who require support with learning are attending well and achieving at school. Senior leaders now need to sustain these recent improvements.
- Staff plan effectively so that young people can demonstrate success in their learning. This is helping staff understand the progress children make in relation to their individual educational programmes.
- The positive partnerships and range of learning opportunities for young people beyond the school enables young people to develop important skills for learning, life and work.

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

- Senior leaders and staff at all levels should continue to implement the ambitious vision of the school and maintain the recent improvements in the quality of young people's experiences.
- Staff should ensure that all learning activities are set at the right level for the individual needs of young people. Young people should be encouraged to be as independent as possible.
- Staff should continue to improve young people's progress across all areas of the curriculum and raise attainment. Teacher's need to continue to develop a shared understanding of national standards and expectations.

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 Bothwellpark High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</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: [Find an inspection report | Education Scotland](#).

### What happens next?

We will ask North Lanarkshire Council for a report on progress with the agreed areas for improvement within 12 months of the publication of this letter. Taking account of the progress report, we will then decide whether further engagement with the school is required. This may involve another inspection visit. North Lanarkshire Council will write to you again detailing the improvements the school has made and outlining any further action that we intend to take, as agreed with North Lanarkshire Council.

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