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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Gowanbank 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 teamwork of all staff who know the children and families very well. This is leading to positive change and improvement across the school and Language Communication Resource (LCR).
- Children's high-quality experiences at early level and within the LCR. They receive appropriate challenge and support which meets their needs.
- Staff's focus on nurture and equality across the school, including in the LCR. Children feel included, respected and cared for. Staff and children show tolerance and understanding of difference.
- Families are well supported and involved in school life and their children's education through rich family learning opportunities.

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

- Continue to improve the quality and consistency of children's experiences across the school.
- Improve children's attainment in literacy and English and in numeracy and mathematics. To support this, senior leaders, with staff should develop further approaches to tracking and monitoring children's progress.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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:
<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2793>

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. Glasgow City 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