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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Beancross Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Class (ELCC). 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.

- All staff demonstrate a strong commitment to teamwork to drive forward school and ELCC improvement. Staff plan very well collaboratively which ensures consistency in the quality of learning and teaching. They routinely undertake professional learning focusing on improving learning and teaching and supporting children with additional support needs.
- Children across the school and ELCC are polite, well-mannered and welcoming to visitors. They engage well in learning and are very proud of their school.
- Practitioners in the ELCC offer high quality learning experiences for children and families. These ensure children are highly motivated and engaged. Children make very good progress in their learning.
- Teachers actively seek and act upon children's views and interests to develop and plan for relevant and meaningful contexts for learning.

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

- Teachers should continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- Teachers should extend opportunities to provide more challenge in learning for children who require it.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) 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 Beancross Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Securing children's progress	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

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

Denise Penman
HM Inspector