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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kilmory 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.

- Staff support children to feel welcomed and cared for across the school and nursery. Children experience positive, respectful and nurturing relationships which is impacting positively on their motivation to learn.
- Children are friendly, curious and confident. They have a positive attitude to their school and benefit from local partnerships in the community.
- In the nursery, staff use stimulating outdoor and real-life learning contexts to engage children in meaningful and relevant activities. This supports children in the nursery to make good progress in their learning.

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

- Develop consistently high-quality approaches to learning and teaching across the school. Ensure that learning activities are challenging enough and well matched to the needs of all children.
- Improve approaches to assessing and tracking children's progress across the school and nursery. Ensure that all children build on prior learning and experience activities that support them to lead their own learning.
- Improve approaches to meeting the learning needs of all children including those who require additional support with their learning. Staff should work with children to set clear, measurable targets that help children make better progress in their learning.
- Improve attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Kilmory Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	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>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>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: [Inspection and review | Education Scotland](#)

### 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.

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