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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Portpatrick 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.

- Respectful children who are proud to be part of their school community. They work well together and support one another.
- Staff who are committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for all children. They have created an environment where the views of staff, children and parents are considered carefully in order to improve the school.
- The wide range of learning experiences children have across the curriculum. These are strengthened by staff working effectively with parents and partners in the community and beyond to enhance children's learning.
- The strong focus on the wellbeing of all children. Staff use a wide range of approaches to help children to develop their wellbeing and take account of the wellbeing of others. Children feel fully included in the life and work of the school.

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

- Continue to develop learning pathways which support children to develop their skills in all curriculum areas.
- Continue with identified school improvement priorities to accelerate children's progress and raise attainment in literacy and numeracy.

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 Portpatrick Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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	

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

Katharine Crombie
HM Inspector