20 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Calderwood Lodge 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 welcoming, nurturing, caring and highly inclusive ethos which is underpinned by positive relationships across the school. Staff work very effectively with parents and partners to embed the Jewish faith in the life and work of the school. Children feel confident, secure and are able to thrive.
- The highly effective headteacher who leads with integrity, sensitivity and a clear rationale for improvement. She is supported very well by the senior leadership team. They have a clear vision for the school community and high aspirations for all children.
- The staff team who work very well together. They engage in high-quality professional learning. They use their knowledge and skills effectively to meet all children's needs and support them with their learning. This is impacting positively on children's progress and achievement.
- Children who are articulate, motivated, kind and compassionate. They are very proud of their school. They demonstrate successfully the school values through the way they work and learn together.
- The very good progress children are making in literacy and English and numeracy and mathematics.

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

- Senior leaders and staff should take forward their school priorities as outlined in the improvement plan.
- Staff should continue to provide high-quality experiences that support children to develop their leadership skills within their learning and the wider life of the school.

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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 Calderwood Lodge Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	**very good**
Learning, teaching and assessment	**very good**
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**very good**
Raising attainment and achievement	**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: Calderwood Lodge Primary School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in 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. East Renfrewshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Victoria Morgan
HM Inspector

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