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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Clackmannan 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.

- The headteacher's leadership and the value placed on shared leadership opportunities for staff. The effectiveness of the senior leadership team in developing a positive learning environment and a whole-school approach to health and wellbeing.
- Children who are energetic, participate actively in the life of the school, and have an understanding of the importance of healthy lifestyles. Interesting learning experiences including learning through play and outdoors leading to children engaging in their learning.
- Partnerships between the school and nursery class, partners and wider community leading to effective support for children and their families. The caring and supportive team who strive to do the best for children in helping them to be ready to learn.
- The welcoming atmosphere within the nursery where the importance of nurturing young children's wellbeing is understood by all practitioners.

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

- Improve consistency in high quality learning and teaching and take account of assessment information to ensure next steps in learning build on prior learning.
- Continue to improve and widen approaches to self-evaluation leading to further raising attainment.

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

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</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>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very 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:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/clackmannanshire/5700922>

### 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. Clackmannanshire 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