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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Lanark 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 motivational leadership of the headteacher and her clear vision for the school community. She is ably supported by the depute headteacher and principal teacher. Together, they are driving forward successfully a culture of learning.
- Children in the school and early learning and childcare setting, who are polite, well-behaved, and enthusiastic learners. They understand and apply the school values confidently. They play a very active role in school improvement through their participation in leadership teams.
- The highly effective teamwork across the staff team and the whole school community, which leads to school improvement.
- The shared understanding of wellbeing linked to school values across the school community. The wellbeing of children is embedded in all day-to-day interactions and activities. This enables children to feel safe, included and involved.

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

- Continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school and early learning and childcare setting.
- In the early learning and childcare setting, develop further the processes for self-evaluation in order to measure what is working well and what needs to improve.

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

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

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=3335>

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. South Lanarkshire 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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