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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Dykesmains 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 highly effective leadership of the headteacher, and senior leaders, in raising attainment and achievement, and in ensuring positive outcomes for children. This includes them engaging in robust monitoring and tracking of children's progress.
- The collaborative work of staff in continuing to improve learning, teaching and assessment.
- The positive relationships between all staff and children. Children are supported well within a calm, nurturing and purposeful learning environment.
- Children's attainment in numeracy and in listening and talking.
- The skills that children develop through their participation in a wide range of opportunities to achieve.

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

- Develop further the use of assessment in all areas of the curriculum to demonstrate children's progress across their learning more easily.
- Continue to improve children's progress in writing.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Dykesmains Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very 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>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [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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HM Inspector