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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kirkbean 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, which is improving the life and work of the school and its community. She promotes a strong sense of teamwork, with everyone involved in progressing the work of the school.
- The successful review and sharing of the school's vision, values and aims. Everyone in the school community has a shared responsibility for contributing towards a positive ethos and a climate of respect and trust.
- Children are friendly, polite and eager to learn. They work well together, support one another and demonstrate the school's values well. They feel happy, safe and included in decisions about school life.
- Children's learning experiences are being enhanced through positive partnership working. Parents, the wider community and the partnership school make valued contributions to the school's identity as 'Team Kirkbean'.

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

- Staff should continue with plans to develop the curriculum, ensuring clear progression in children's skills across all aspects of learning.
- Continue to develop effective approaches to learning, teaching and assessment to raise further children's attainment and achievement.

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

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

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=3245>

### 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.

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 HM Inspector