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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Gilmourton 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.

- Children are keen and motivated to learn. They engage enthusiastically in their learning and reflect the school values.
- The headteacher's effective leadership supports a strong team approach and improves learning opportunities for children and families. Senior leaders and staff prioritise positive and caring relationships across the school. This supports the wellbeing of children and levels of engagement in their learning.
- Children are making good progress in literacy and numeracy and experience a wide range of opportunities for achievement. The headteacher and staff use data effectively to support learning for individual children.

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

- The headteacher should continue to support teachers to develop further the use of assessments, data and tracking of children's progress over time.
- Teachers should continue to identify the needs of children who experience barriers to learning. They should create and implement plans to ensure all children improve their learning further.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Gilmourton Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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. 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.

Louise Phillips
HM Inspector