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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Cochrane Castle 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.

- Led very effectively by the headteacher and acting depute headteacher, the strong approach to inclusion which is supporting all children to improve their involvement in their learning.
- Positive relationships across the school which are helping children to feel safe and become more supportive of each other.
- Teachers who work well together to understand children's progress and plan appropriate next steps in learning. This is supporting children to build on what they already know.
- Staff know their context and community very well and work effectively with a range of partners to improve wellbeing outcomes for children.

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

- Ensure learning is planned at an appropriate pace and the right level of difficulty for all children.
- Improve attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- Continue to evaluate the impact of planned interventions to ensure these are impacting positively on children's progress over time.

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 Cochrane Castle Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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. Renfrewshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Gillian Frew
HM Inspector