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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Ancrum Road 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 headteacher's strong leadership and effective approaches to promoting social inclusion and equity of experience for all learners. She works very successfully with a wide range of partners which support children's learning, achievement and wellbeing effectively.
- The very inclusive school ethos which is underpinned by respectful and caring relationships. Children are happy, polite and have a positive attitude to learning.
- Staff's strong sense of teamwork and willingness to take on leadership roles, which is improving children's experiences and outcomes.

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

- Develop a more consistent understanding of what high-quality learning, teaching and assessment looks like in Ancrum Road Primary School. This should draw on strong practice which is evident across the school.
- Continue to raise attainment over time and close the poverty related attainment gap. This should include a focus on improving the quality of children's writing across the school.

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 Ancrum Road 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:
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/dundee-city/5323320>.

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. Dundee City Council will inform parents and carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Liz Angus
 HM Inspector