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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Drumbowie 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 leadership of the headteacher and senior leaders who are aspirational for all children. They set high standards for learning and teaching. They have a deep understanding of what every child needs to be successful. As a result, children's attainment and achievement are improving continuously.
- Children who are very proud of their school and lead their learning confidently. They learn in a highly nurturing family orientated environment. Children use digital learning effectively to access learning and to record their own progress and successes.
- Staff who use highly effective approaches to meet the wellbeing and learning needs of children. Their commitment to professional learning and teamwork ensures all children receive the support and interventions they need to learn and make strong progress.
- Teachers who are skilled at planning learning, teaching and assessment within multi composite classes. Their effective collaboration with their partner school provides children with engaging learning experiences in all areas of the curriculum. They use meticulous approaches to tracking children's progress to ensure they are flexible and responsive to children's learning needs and interests.

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

- As planned, continue to develop staff understanding of how children learn through play.

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 Drumbowie Primary School.

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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: [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. Falkirk 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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