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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Lainshaw Primary School and Early Childhood Centre. 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 newly appointed headteacher, assisted by the senior and extended leadership teams, is managing the balance and pace of change and improvement very effectively. As a result, this is beginning to impact positively on building capacity in all staff and is improving outcomes for children.
- Staff are working together very well in a planned way. This is helping to ensure improved approaches to self-evaluation and use of data, which is informing better support for children's learning. This is beginning to improve attainment, achievement and children's engagement in their learning.
- Motivated and courteous children who are eager to discuss their learning. They are keen to have a more prominent role in shaping how they learn. They rise to planned challenge in their learning. Children display empathy to one another which helps reflect the renewed values of the school community.

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

- Continue to raise attainment and improve further the learning experiences of all children across the school and early childhood centre. Teachers and practitioners should build relevant skills for learning, life and work into children's planned learning experiences.
- Continue to build capacity amongst all staff in using and interpreting performance data on children's progress in a more consistent way. This will help to ensure that support and challenge for individual children better meet their needs.
- As planned for the school, continue to develop and make clear links across the range of whole-school approaches for ensuring sustained positive relationships for children across all stages.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) 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 Lainshaw Primary School and Early Childhood Centre

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>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>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</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 early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: 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=3327>

### 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. East Ayrshire 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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