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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Avonbridge Primary School and Nursery Class. 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 ethos is warm and welcoming and relationships are positive between staff and children. Staff work well as a team to create a supportive learning environment. They know children and families well.
- Children are friendly and understanding of each other. They are eager to learn and take more responsibility for their own learning. Children are keen to be further involved in improvement.
- The headteacher is supportive and approachable. She is working to ensure that all members of the school community are valued, respected and nurtured. She is keen to listen to the views of all children, parents, staff and partners in bringing about improvement.

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

- Continue to improve and develop ways that evaluate how well the school and nursery are doing. The headteacher and staff should continue to focus on improving children's progress, attainment and achievement.
- Continue to improve learning and teaching and ensure there is appropriate pace and challenge for all children. Senior leaders should review approaches to positive behaviour in the primary school. This will enable all children to engage fully in learning.
- Continue to develop approaches to how staff plan children's learning and assess their progress. The leadership team and staff should work together to improve how they track children's progress and monitor the work of the school and nursery. Children should be given more opportunities to evaluate their own progress and identify next steps in learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) 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 Avonbridge Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

Quality indicators nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: 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/falkirk/5740320>

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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