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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Annanhill 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.

- Through the relentless drive of the headteacher and substantive depute headteacher, staff have created a culture of high expectations. They work very well together to address barriers to learning that result in improved outcomes for children.
- Staff have developed calm, purposeful learning environments that support children well. Children benefit from very positive relationships with staff and the inclusive ethos across the school.
- Staff develop their practice well through strong professional partnerships and collaboration as a team. This is improving children's experiences and helping to meet the needs of children who require support with their learning.

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

- Teachers should continue to develop consistent approaches to learning and teaching. They should support children to experience learning at the right level of difficulty across the curriculum.
- Senior leaders should now analyse more rigorously the impact of strategies on children's progress. This should support them to make informed decisions about approaches that will continue to increase and improve children's progress and attainment 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 Annanhill 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:

[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. 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.

Gillian Frew
HM Inspector