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Dear Parent/Carer

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

- Staff support children to feel welcomed, cared for and safe in school. Children experience positive, respectful and nurturing relationships.
- Children are motivated to learn and develop their knowledge and skills. They are confident, polite and have a positive attitude to learning.
- All staff work well together. As a team they are keen to develop their individual and collective skills to improve outcomes for children.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from North Lanarkshire Council.

- Establish effective approaches to evaluate the quality of the school's work. This should inform and support the headteacher and staff to plan and implement improvements across the school.
- Improve the quality and consistency of learning, teaching and assessment across the school. Ensure that all children build on prior learning and experience appropriate pace and challenge.
- Improve approaches to meeting the learning and wellbeing needs of all children including those who require additional support for learning to ensure all children achieve success.
- Raise attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Cleland Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	weak
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with North Lanarkshire Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within 12 months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with North Lanarkshire Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school, we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

Simon Gallon
HM Inspector