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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Linnvale Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Centre (ELCC). 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.

- Across the school and ELCC, staff work well as a team to drive school improvement. Staff work together effectively to develop strong, positive relationships and a nurturing environment.
- Children across the school and ELCC are happy, confident and engaged in their learning. They are proud of their school and are polite, well-mannered and welcoming to visitors.
- Staff and school partners have developed an outdoor learning environment which supports effectively children's wellbeing and promotes their understanding of nature and biodiversity. This is helping children to be physically active and participate in real-life problem solving.
- Senior leaders and ELCC practitioners skilfully interact and plan meaningful experiences. This results in children making good progress in their learning.

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

- Senior leaders should develop further systems and processes in the school to monitor children's experiences across all areas of the curriculum. This will ensure that the breadth of children's experiences builds on their prior learning.
- Teachers and practitioners should continue to raise attainment with a particular focus on numeracy. They should use attainment information more effectively to ensure that all children make the best possible progress.
- Senior leaders and staff should develop systems to track the achievements of children in the ELCC and school. This will allow staff to carefully monitor children's participation and ensure that no child misses out on opportunities for achievement in a number of different areas.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Linnvale Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Centre

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Securing children's progress	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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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. West Dunbartonshire 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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