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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Canonbie 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 supportive and positive climate created by the headteacher in which children learn. Approaches to wellbeing, equality and inclusion result in children learning in a nurturing environment where they are listened to and valued.
- Children who are polite, eager to learn and who show respect for themselves, adults, their peers and the school. They demonstrate fully the school's values of 'respect, responsibility and endeavour'.
- Staff who contribute well to the ethos and life of Canonbie Primary School. They provide a range of opportunities for wider achievement. This includes high quality learning experiences outdoors for nursery children.

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

- Develop high quality learning, teaching and assessment approaches to ensure children are engaged in appropriately challenging learning experiences.
- Strengthen approaches to self-evaluation, including monitoring and tracking children's progress, to raise attainment.

We gathered evidence to enable us to 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 Canonbie Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</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)</a> , <a href="#">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>very 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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/dumfries-and-galloway/5945828>

### 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. Dumfries and Galloway 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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