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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Strathyre 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.

- The strong leadership of the headteacher, which is supporting effective teamwork and the collaborative professional working of all staff. The approach to school improvement is empowering staff, children, parents, carers and partners to work together successfully to benefit all children.
- The inclusive ethos of the school is providing an environment where children demonstrate care, respect and concern for each other. They have a good understanding of the school values and put these into practice on a daily basis.
- The effective partnership working within the local community, which is providing opportunities to support and extend children's learning in different contexts. Initiatives such as the 'Community Café' and garden are helping to establish the school as a community hub. Overall, partnerships enhance learning and ensure children's needs are met.

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

- Children should have more opportunities to develop independent learning skills and plan and lead their own learning. They need to develop a better understanding of what successful outcomes look like. Children should have more regular opportunities to discuss their progress in learning individually with an adult.
- Explore ways in which children's progress in improving their wellbeing can be tracked. These should take appropriate account of children's self-evaluation in setting targets and reviewing their progress in relation to their wellbeing.
- Continue to build on approaches to improving outcomes for children in reading, writing and numeracy to ensure that overall attainment in literacy and numeracy is raised for all children.

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 Strathyre Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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:
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/stirling/5721822>

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. Stirling Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

David Drysdale
 HM Inspector