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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2018 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Parklands 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:

- Children and young people who enjoy being at school and participate enthusiastically in their learning.
- Nurturing approaches and the positive impact they are having on children's and young people's relationships, self-esteem and engagement with their learning.
- Success in ensuring all young people either return to mainstream school or move on into further education, employment or training when they leave Parklands School.
- Links with partners in the local community and how these partnerships enhance learning experiences for children and young people.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Argyll and Bute Council:

- Staff should now further develop how they track the progress that children and young people are making in their learning. They should recognise the achievements of all pupils and ensure they are confident that learning activities are challenging and stimulating.
- Staff should continue with their plans to develop the curriculum to enable all children and young people to attain as highly as possible. In doing so, they should take better account of the wide range of learning needs of children and young people across the school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, education 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 evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Parklands School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/argyll-and-bute/8305943>.

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. Argyll and Bute 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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