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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bonnybridge 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 headteacher is well respected by children, staff and parents. Together with the senior leadership team, she leads with integrity and is sensitive to the school and the community. She has created a culture of self-evaluation amongst staff. Children learn within a calm, inclusive and welcoming environment where relationships are positive.
- Bonnybridge Primary School children are polite, articulate and proud of their school. They talk enthusiastically about their learning and interact well during lessons. Children particularly enjoy activities related to science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). They benefit from a wide range of opportunities to use digital technology creatively. Staff work very well together to ensure they continually strive to improve children's learning.
- Senior leaders and staff provide valuable support for children and their families who at times, may face challenges. Across the school, staff work very well with partners and other agencies. This is helping children attend school and enjoy their learning.
- Senior leaders and staff have helped children develop an enthusiasm for reading and writing. Children enjoy a wide range of books in class libraries and in the newly developed school library. Children are skilled in writing for different purposes and their work is of a high standard.

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

- Senior leaders and staff gather a range of information about the work of the school. They should continue to use this information to help them identify what they need to do to improve outcomes for children.
- Teachers should continue to improve aspects of learning and teaching across the school. As they do so, they should ensure that activities match the strengths and needs of all learners. Children are able and ready to take more responsibility and to lead aspects of their own learning.

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 Bonnybridge Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	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: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and review | 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. Falkirk 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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