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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Burgh 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 has established strong relationships with staff, parents and partners and is well respected and regarded highly by them. Alongside the principal teacher and staff, she has developed a culture for learning in which almost all children demonstrate consistently the school's vision and values and have a good attitude to their learning.
- Staff have driven forward a number of opportunities for family engagement, particularly in literacy and numeracy. These have been evaluated positively by parents and are helping to establish a shared commitment to children's learning and a strong sense of community in the school. Staff have also developed creatively a positive culture for reading.
- Children achieve well through a wide range of opportunities, developing their life experiences, skills and knowledge in and beyond school. This includes children being involved successfully in a wide range of sports activities.

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

- Continue to improve the consistency of high-quality learning, teaching and assessment across all curricular areas.
- With staff, senior leaders need to develop a streamlined overview of children's progress and attainment. This will enable them to have a shared understanding of this, and to review and provide appropriate interventions more regularly to raise children's attainment.
- Engage in further activities linked to the sharing of national assessment standards. These will enable all teachers to make professional judgements which are robust, reliable and more consistent.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Burgh Primary School.

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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:
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8456828>.

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. South Lanarkshire 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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