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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Hamilton School for the Deaf. 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 brought together all staff to create a strong sense of community across the school. She supports them effectively to take forward the school's priorities for improvement.
- The strong relationships between adults and children. These help children to be confident, happy and achieve well.
- The child-centred culture across the school, underpinned by Deaf awareness and Deaf identity. Every child knows they are valued highly.
- The dedication of all staff, including the outreach team, to delivering deaf education. This supports their clear focus on improving children's communication and wellbeing.

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

- Strengthen how teachers plan learning with a greater focus on raising children's attainment.
- Develop the curriculum further to support children to have a better understanding of their rights.

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 Hamilton School for the Deaf

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:
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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.

Graeme Gordon
 HM Inspector