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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Rigside 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 effective leadership of the acting headteacher which is improving the culture for change within the school. She has created a strong collegiate approach to leading school improvement.
- Positive relationships between children and staff support a purposeful and orderly learning environment where children are eager to learn. Children are achieving very well from the wide range of contexts and additional experiences that the school provide.
- Highly effective approaches to wellbeing that result in children who feel nurtured, supported to achieve, and safe at school.
- Effective partnership working that is meeting the needs of children and families effectively. Approaches to equity reflect the unique context of the school and support families and children to engage effectively with the school.

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

- Continue to work as a team to ensure all children across the school, experience consistently high-quality learning and teaching, and that the expectations and standards of all staff are sufficiently high.
- Staff should continue with plans to develop the curriculum, ensuring progressive pathways are in place for all areas of learning.
- Continue to improve attainment in literacy and numeracy 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 Rigside Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
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/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4189>.

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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