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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Cairns Primary School, Additional Support for Learning Department and Nursery Class. 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 establishment's work.

- Children who are responsible, respectful, happy and hardworking. The high expectations children have of themselves and others.
- The nurturing and caring environment promoted by all practitioners and staff. Their strong focus on high standards and aspiration.
- The effective leadership of the headteacher and senior leadership team in promoting a motivational whole-school ethos for learning.
- The teamwork of staff and their commitment to continuous professional learning linked to successful improvement across the school and nursery class.
- Successful partnerships with parents, agencies and other organisations, which impact positively on children's learning.

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

- Continue to develop a clear overview of children's progress to further improve children's attainment and achievement.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#). 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 Cairns Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: 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/8455821>

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.

Sue Williams
HM Inspector