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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Carmichael 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 highly effective headteacher who is successfully leading positive change in the school. By developing more robust approaches to self-evaluation, children, staff and parents all have a valuable role in shaping school improvement.
- The whole staff team who have created a caring, supportive and nurturing ethos which enables all children to 'shine brightly' and enjoy success in their learning.
- The robust tracking and monitoring of children's progress which is helping to raise attainment for all learners.
- The high quality provision for outdoor learning which allow children to apply their knowledge and skills across their learning in a stimulating and exciting way.

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

- Continue to develop the curriculum as planned to ensure children benefit from progressive learning.
- Develop further children's involvement in their own learning. In doing so, support children to have a clearer understanding of their next steps in learning.

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 Carmichael Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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:
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8546126>

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.

Jackie Maley
HM Inspector