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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Dalsersf 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.

- Polite and confident children who work well with each other. Children are proud of their school and of each other's successes and their achievements.
- The nurturing ethos and positive relationships that exist across the school. The headteacher and staff's positive approaches lead children and their families to feel welcomed and to be part of the school community.
- All staff work well as a team to help children learn and achieve. Staff are keen to develop their individual and collective skills to help improve learning experiences and outcomes for children.
- The use of the outdoor environment to enhance children's learning experiences. Staff have developed outdoor spaces and are now providing children with a range of outdoor learning experiences. This is helping children to learn about their environment and develop their sense of wellbeing.
- Across the school, children have good opportunities to develop leadership skills through a variety of committees and groups. This is helping children to develop skills for learning, life and work.

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

- The headteacher and staff should continue to develop approaches to reaching a shared understanding of standards to ensure robust professional judgements about children's attainment. This should include working with colleagues from other schools.
- Staff should continue to build on recent improvements in attainment in literacy and numeracy, ensuring that all children across the school are challenged appropriately to make the best possible progress.
- The headteacher should continue to support all staff to take an active role in leadership. This should ensure change and improvement is embedded as well as providing momentum for continuous improvement.

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 Dalsersf Primary School

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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | Education Scotland](#)

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.

Simon Gallon
HM Inspector