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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2017, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Sandford 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:

- Friendly and motivated children who are proud of their school and eager to contribute to improvement.
- The hard working committed headteacher and staff who are ready to embrace change leading to school improvement.
- Positive relationships with parents and the local community which offer potential for further enhancement of the school.

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

- Develop more effective approaches to self-evaluation and school improvement which involve all stakeholders and lead to improved outcomes for all children at Sandford Primary School.
- Improve learning and teaching across the school, ensuring an appropriate level of pace and challenge. This should include the development of a school curriculum that is relevant, meets the needs of all learners and supports children to develop knowledge and skills across all curriculum areas.
- Continue to develop and implement approaches to wellbeing which allow for the accurate assessment of children's progress in this area.
- Continue to develop approaches across the school for planning, assessment and moderation. This should include robust tracking and monitoring of children's progress in learning and achievement whilst ensuring staff set high expectations.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, education 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 evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Sandford Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://www.education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8523525>

What happens next?

We are satisfied with the overall quality of provision. We are confident that, with support from South Lanarkshire Council, the school has the capacity to continue to improve. As a result, we will make no further visits in connection with this inspection. Our Area Lead Officer will continue to monitor progress. As part of its arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of education, South Lanarkshire Council will inform parents about the school's progress.

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