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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Burnside 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, well behaved children who are respectful of each other and adults. They are proud of their school and are keen to learn and be challenged.
- The commitment of the staff who willingly take on leadership roles. They work well as a team and strive to do the best for children and their families.
- The school's approach to ensuring wellbeing and inclusion through embedding nurturing approaches. There is a strong focus on wellbeing indicators, this is providing meaningful opportunities for children to reflect on and improve their own wellbeing.
- The development of reading across the school. Children have access to a wide range of quality books and have a love of reading that has been fostered in partnership with parents. This is leading to improvement in children's reading skills across all stages.

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

- Senior leaders should ensure approaches to evaluating and monitoring the work of the school are regular and have a clear focus on improving learning and teaching, and raising attainment for all.
- Staff should continue to refresh the curriculum to ensure children experience relevance, depth and progression across all areas of learning.

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 Burnside Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	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	

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/8456925>.

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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