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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Woodhead Primary School 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 school's work.

- Led by the headteacher and wider leadership team, whole school approaches to teamwork and collegiate planning. Together they have created a clear focus on school improvement.
- Children's achievements through their participation in the many school clubs. They are developing a wide range of skills which promote improvements in their confidence and health and wellbeing.
- Within the recently established nursery setting, practitioners have created a quality learning environment to maximise the potential for children's learning.

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

- Establish consistently high-quality learning and teaching across the school.
- Develop further the school's approaches to assessment, tracking and monitoring to ensure children make better progress in their learning and raise their attainment.
- Practitioners in the nursery should develop further their practice to ensure this leads to improved outcomes for children.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Woodhead Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
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/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=5223>

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.

Graeme Gordon
HM Inspector