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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Black Mount 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.

- Children are confident and articulate and show enthusiasm for learning. They are supportive and respectful of each other and work effectively as a team, demonstrating the school values.
- The headteacher leads by example and empowers staff to improve and develop learning and teaching approaches. This is resulting in consistently high-quality learning experiences that match very well to children's abilities and interests.
- The headteacher provides very effective leadership in monitoring how well children are progressing and attaining. She works closely with staff to support children to make very good progress in their learning and provide any additional support children may require. This leads to consistently high levels of attainment.
- Staff foster close partnership working with families. These positive relationships support all children very well to engage positively with the life of the school.

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

- Continue to provide children with opportunities to apply what they are learning in literacy and numeracy across all other areas of their learning. The planned development of outdoor learning should support this.

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 Black Mount Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	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: [Find an inspection report | 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.

Gillian Frew
HM Inspector