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Dear Parent/Carer

We are trying out some new approaches to inspection. You can find out about our engagement with stakeholders and the approaches we are trying out as a result at [Future approaches to inspection and review](#) on our website. The inspection of your school was carried out using one of our new approaches.

In March 2017 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited your school for a total of two days. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate aspects of the quality of leadership and children achievements.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work:

- Polite pupils who enjoy taking on lead roles and whose views and opinions influence school improvement.
- Children's progress in reading.
- Partnerships, including with parents, which are having a positive impact on children's learning.
- Ways in which staff work together to support school improvement and the numerous lead roles they have through distributed leadership.
- The headteacher's leadership of change, which is very well supported by the senior leadership team.

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

- The school should now take forward its plans to continue to improve children's progress in numeracy and writing, ensuring that children can apply their skills and knowledge across different aspects of their learning.
  - The school should now continue to develop its approaches in using data to support moderation and tracking of attainment and achievement to help ensure that all children make suitable progress.
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**Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to identify what is working well and what needs to be improved in the work of the school.** You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school*<sup>1</sup>? 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 Woodside Primary School:

<b>QI 1.1 Self-evaluation for self-improvement</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>

This letter and a more detailed document called the Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8526427>.

### 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.

Moira Cummings  
HM Inspector

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<sup>1</sup> How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) 2015 [How good is our school? \(fourth edition\)](#)

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