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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2017, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Glengowan Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning provision and children's successes and achievements.

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

- Staff who work well as a team. They are keen to engage in the process of change in driving forward improvements and securing positive outcomes for children.
- Confident, well-motivated and engaged children who collaborate well together to achieve tasks.
- A calm, purposeful and welcoming learning environment characterised by positive relationships and mutual respect.

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

- Develop leadership further at all levels, including the strategic leadership of the headteacher. Prioritise key areas for improvement, in particular developing the curriculum, and achieving consistently high-quality learning, teaching and assessment.
- Develop approaches to wellbeing across the school, including the use of the wellbeing indicators. This will enable teachers to assess children's progress and achievement in this area more effectively.
- Continue to raise attainment across all curriculum areas.

Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is good 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*¹? Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of three important quality indicators to keep track of how well all Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Glengowan Primary School:

Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory

The letter and more detailed summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8522820>.

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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HM Inspector

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

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