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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 September 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's achievements.

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

- Polite friendly well-behaved children who are proud of their school and motivated to learn.
- The teamwork of all staff and their commitment to improving the work of the school. There
 are early signs that the work of staff to improve outcomes for children is having a positive
 impact.
- Children's progress in literacy and numeracy.

The inspection team found the following areas for improvement in the school's work:

- To help strengthen pupil voice in improving the school, staff should provide opportunities
 for children to become more involved in their own learning. Continue to develop
 self-evaluation and planning for improvement. In doing so, involve the whole school
 community in well planned change which positively improves outcomes for all children.
- Continue to develop robust moderation, monitoring, tracking and assessment approaches
 to support teachers to share agreed standards and provide appropriate challenge for all
 children.

Quality indicators (QIs) 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*¹? 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 Auchengray Primary School

QI 1.1 Self-evaluation for self-improvement	satisfactory
QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement	good

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/8545227.

What happens next?

We are confident that the school, with support from South Lanarkshire Council, 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.

Laura McLean Managing Inspector

¹ How good is our school? (4th Edition) 2015 <u>How good is our school? (fourth edition)</u>

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