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Dear Parent/Carer

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

- The supportive, nurturing relationships between staff and children across the school and nursery. This creates a strong sense of community that is based on mutual respect and high aspirations.
- The consistent, high-quality learning and teaching across the school and nursery.
- Staff's effective use of data across the school and nursery. This ensures that the staff team have a clear understanding of children's progress, potential barriers to learning and next steps.
- The successful approach to extending children's skills through their involvement in leadership groups within the school. Children are extremely proud of the contribution they make to improving their school.
- The richly resourced indoor and outdoor play environment within the nursery.

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

- As planned, develop further approaches to play-based learning and outdoor learning in the school. In the nursery, practitioners should continue to take forward the identified priorities, including literacy and numeracy through play.
- Review approaches to long-term planning in the school to better inform the effectiveness and application of learning across different curriculum areas.
- Continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy.

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 Newfield Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
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	very good
Securing children's progress	very good
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:

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and Review](#) | [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.

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