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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Clackmannanshire Schools Support Service. 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 highly effective leadership of the headteacher, depute headteacher and extended leadership team. They have successfully embedded the school's vision, values and aims into every aspect of the school's work.
- Positive relationships are a very strong feature across the school. Staff are highly supportive of children and their families at all times. As a result, children and young people feel safe, well respected and cared for.
- The school's exemplary approaches to meeting the wellbeing needs of children and their families. As a result, children and young people are making significant progress in their health and wellbeing. Parents feel highly valued and play a prominent role in the school and local community.
- The school's high quality partnership working. Partners are supporting children and young people to develop very well their skills for learning, life and work.

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

- Continue to raise children's and young people's attainment.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Clackmannanshire Schools Support Service

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:  
<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2059>

### 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. Clackmannanshire 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