

25 August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Hareleeshill 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 headteacher's relentless approach to ensuring equity, improving attainment and supporting families in the school community. She is supported very well by the staff team.
- Positive, nurturing and caring relationships throughout the school. As a result, children feel safe, supported and ready to learn.
- Teamwork and partnerships across the school community. Staff have high expectations of themselves and children. They show a strong commitment to improving learning and teaching. This is resulting in improving outcomes for children.
- Children who are proud of their school and who are keen to do their best.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to assessing children's progress. Teachers should work to ensure they have a shared understanding of national expectations and standards across all curricular areas.
- Continue to revise and refine systems for observing, planning, tracking and recording children's learning and development in the nursery.

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 Hareleeshill Primary School and Nursery Class

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

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2886>

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.

Stuart Cathro
HM Inspector