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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Glenburn Primary School and Early Years Centre (EYC). 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.

- Capable, articulate children who are motivated and eager to learn. They understand very well the skills they are developing and how they can use these skills across their learning.
- The effectiveness of the headteacher and the rigour she applies to monitoring children's progress and school improvement. This results in positive outcomes for children and very good attainment.
- The welcoming and supportive environment in the EYC that supports strong relationships with children and families. As a result, children are confident, happy and secure. They make very good progress across their learning.
- The strong and committed staff team and the impact of their leadership across the school. Their focus on improving learning and teaching leads to engaging learning experiences which are interesting and challenging for all children.
- The well-planned, relevant opportunities for children to consolidate and apply their skills in literacy and numeracy across other areas of the curriculum.

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

- Senior leaders should continue to support practitioners in the EYC to identify and engage in relevant professional learning. This should have a particular focus on developing consistency in the quality of interactions between staff and children.
- Extend opportunities for children across the school and the EYC to lead and share their learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Glenburn Primary School and Nursery Class

| Quality indicators for the primary stages  | 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>very good</b> |
| <b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>  | <b>very good</b> |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a> |                  |

| Quality indicators for the nursery class   | Evaluation       |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Leadership of change</b>  | <b>good</b>      |
| <b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>   | <b>good</b>      |
| <b>Securing children's progress</b>  | <b>very good</b> |
| <b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>  | <b>very good</b> |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: 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=2739>.

### 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 Ayrshire 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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