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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Lochfield Primary School. 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.

- Children are confident, happy and enthusiastic learners. There are many opportunities for children to celebrate their learning. Achievements are recognised and praised. This is impacting positively on children's confidence and self-esteem.
- The headteacher, depute headteacher and principal teacher who provide very effective leadership. Together with the staff team, they create a nurturing environment for learning where relationships are very positive and staff provide high-quality care and support.
- Staff make good use of information about children's progress to plan learning. They provide appropriate supports and interventions to ensure children attain and achieve very well.

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

- Staff should continue to improve approaches to learning and teaching to ensure all children across the school are challenged and have opportunities to lead their own learning. Staff should make even better use of digital technology in learning and teaching.
- Staff should enable all children to be better involved in making decisions about their school. Children would benefit from more opportunities to take on leadership roles.

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 Lochfield Primary School

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: 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=3496>

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. Renfrewshire 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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