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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Chapelside 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.

- The headteacher's strong leadership. She is held in high regard by children, staff and the school community. She has put in place successfully a culture where there are caring relationships across the school, a sense of belonging and the development of a Chapelside family.
- Staff are using a wide range of interventions well to support children's needs. This helps children to engage in learning.
- Across the school, children are improving their wellbeing. They recognise their own wellbeing needs and what the need to do to be healthy.

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

- Teachers need to improve their approaches to measuring children's progress. In doing so, they should work with colleagues from neighbouring schools to develop a shared understanding of required standards.
- Increase opportunities for children to engage in the use of digital technology.
- Raise children's attainment and achievement across the school. In doing so, staff need to prioritise supporting children to develop their writing skills.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). 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 Chapelside Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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=2022>

What happens next?

We will ask North Lanarkshire Council for a report on progress with the agreed areas for improvement within 12 months of the publication of this letter. Taking account of the progress report, we will then decide whether further engagement with the school is required. This may involve another inspection visit. North Lanarkshire Council will write to you again detailing the improvements the school has made and outlining any further action that we intend to take, as agreed with North Lanarkshire Council.

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