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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2018 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Cardross 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.

- High achieving children who are proud of their school, are enthusiastic and highly motivated in their learning.
- Highly effective leadership provided by the headteacher is valued across the school community. Her consistent reinforcement of the shared vision and values has inspired and strengthened leadership across the school.
- Highly effective teamwork of all staff in creating a nurturing ethos for learning which impacts positively on children's wellbeing.
- The effective use of the outdoor environment which provides a rich motivating context for learning and enhances learners' experiences.
- Positive partnership with parents and the wider community that support children's learning.

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

- Continue to develop high quality learning and teaching across the school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, education 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 evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Cardross Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/argyll-and-bute/8301425>

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. Argyll and Bute 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