

27 May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Galston 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.

- Led effectively by the headteacher and senior leaders, there is a relentless focus on achieving positive outcomes for all children. All staff know children very well and effectively support them to achieve success. As a result, children's attainment and achievement increase over time.
- The staff team engage in highly relevant professional learning which includes digital technology and play pedagogy. This is helping them to provide motivating and creative learning experiences for children.
- Senior leaders' robust approaches to tracking and monitoring children's progress. Their work in this area is helping children to make very good progress in learning. Senior leaders and teachers use data very well to identify and plan impactful interventions for those children who require additional support.

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

- Teachers should provide all children with increased opportunities to be independent in their learning. Children are ready to have an increased role in leading learning.
- Staff should continue to help children to better understand the skills they are developing for learning, life and work across the curriculum. They should ensure these are progressive as children move through the school.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Galston Primary School | Inspection Report | Education Scotland](#)

### 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. East Ayrshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Nicola Drew  
HM Inspector