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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bargarran 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 highly effective and respected headteacher is providing very strong strategic leadership and direction to the work of the school. The headteacher is supported very well by the depute headteachers. Together, their strong approaches to improving the school is helping raise attainment for all children.
- Children are highly confident, happy, enthusiastic, respectful and articulate. They are proud ambassadors of their school. Staff and children's extensive work on children's rights over several years is helping all children to understand well their place in society. This outstanding work is helping all children to achieve well in school.
- Through meaningful shared leadership at all levels, children and staff work collaboratively to ensure their vision and values are lived. This underpins all aspects of children's learning. This is leading to a school environment where children experience creativity, innovation and enquiry and results in children who are successful learners.
- Senior leaders' rigorous approaches to tracking and monitoring are leading to high levels of attainment and achievement over time.
- Teachers have developed highly-effective approaches in the use of digital technology to support and enhance children's learning. Across the school, children are skilled in using digital technology creatively to support their learning.

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

- As planned, staff should support all children across the school to set targets for learning beyond literacy and numeracy. This will support children to understand fully their progress and next steps in learning across the curriculum.

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 Bargarran Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	excellent
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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:
[Bargarran 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. Renfrewshire 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