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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Crossmichael 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 provides strong, empathetic leadership. She is ably supported by all staff who work well as a team, keeping a clear focus on improving outcomes for all children.
- Children are creative, enthusiastic and articulate. They are eager to learn and very proud of their school and community.
- Staff work effectively with a range of partners to support children to achieve and succeed. They support children to learn outdoors and in the local community regularly. This helps them to develop important transferable skills.
- Children have a good understanding of wellbeing, supported by well-considered approaches by all staff.

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

- Continue to develop high-quality teaching approaches to ensure the right level of support and challenge for all children.
- Continue to review and refine 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 HMIE's evaluations for Crossmichael School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Raising attainment and achievement	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 HMIE website at: [Crossmichael School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in 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. Dumfries and Galloway Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Susan McDade
 HM Inspector

On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland