10 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Biggar Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Biggar Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The highly positive and respectful culture across the school. Children demonstrate a strong sense of belonging and pride in their school. They are supported and motivated to do their best and know that their voices are listened to and respected.
- Senior leaders' and staff's shared commitment to the continuous improvement of learning, teaching and assessment. Staff engage in meaningful, relevant high-quality professional learning to improve outcomes for children.
- The effectiveness of partnership working. Children's learning is enriched through their involvement in a range of activities that support them to apply and extend their learning within the local community.

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

- Continue to develop the use of high-quality feedback across all areas of the curriculum. This should help develop further children's understanding of where they are in their learning and what they need to do to improve.
- Extend the tracking of children's progress to include areas of the curriculum beyond literacy and numeracy. This should provide senior leaders and teachers with a more holistic understanding of children's progress.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using two 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 Biggar Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**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: Biggar Primary 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. South Lanarkshire 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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On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland

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