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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Glengowan Primary School and nursery class. 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.

- Children are polite, well-mannered and proud of their school and nursery. They demonstrate their school values and have a strong understanding of children's rights.
- The effective headteacher, supported by the wider staff team, has created a nurturing and inclusive learning environment. Staff know children and families well, creating a strong sense of community where children are supported to achieve.
- Across the school, children develop and demonstrate leadership skills through committees and groups. They increasingly share their views, take responsibility and contribute to decisions that affect school life.
- Staff in the nursery have developed well-considered and motivating spaces for children to learn both indoors and outdoors. As a result, children are creative, inquisitive and engage purposefully in play and learning experiences.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from North Lanarkshire Council.

- Senior leaders and teachers should continue to develop approaches to improve the quality of learning, teaching and assessment across the school and nursery. This will help ensure all children experience greater depth and challenge and make the best possible progress in their learning.
- In the school, senior leaders and staff should continue to prioritise raising the attainment of all children across the school.
- In the nursery, staff should continue to develop the quality and consistency of observations to better inform planning for learning, teaching and assessment. This should support more robust tracking and monitoring of children's progress and achievement across their learning.

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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 Glengowan Primary School

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the ELC's work using two quality indicators from the Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors.

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Children's Progress	**good**

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: Glengowan Primary School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland

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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. North 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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HM Inspector

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

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