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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Moore House Academy, Bathgate. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- All staff develop and maintain caring relationships with children and young people. This supports a strong sense of community across the school. As a result, children and young people attend school regularly and are achieving well.
- Children and young people's wider experiences beyond the school helps motivate them to re-engage in their learning. They are developing their confidence to try new activities, particularly in the outdoors.
- Young people in the senior phase are attaining well, gaining a good number of qualifications. This supports them to move on successfully to further education or employment after leaving school.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from the Board of Governors.

- Teachers should continue to use a wider variety of learning and teaching approaches to engage learners within the classroom. This should include increased use of collaborative tasks and digital technology.
- Continue to raise children and young people's attainment in the Broad General Education.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Moore House Academy, Bathgate

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 Education Scotland website at:

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and review](#) | [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. The Board of Governors will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Graeme Gordon
HM Inspector