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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited East Milton 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.

- Teachers develop classrooms and shared spaces which are welcoming, well-organised and are designed to promote learning and support wellbeing. This supports most children to sustain their focus well and participate positively in learning.
- Teachers deliver well-structured lessons and revisit key aspects of the learning purposefully at the end of lessons. Children make choices about their learning that leads to positive levels of engagement and motivation.
- Children benefit from positive relationships across the school. Staff know children well and care about their wellbeing. Most children confidently share their views and seek support when needed.
- Children have a strong understanding of emotions and how these affect themselves and others. They recognise that people may experience different emotions and require different types of support. Children demonstrate empathy, compassion and respect for each other.

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

- Teachers should strengthen further their use of assessment during lessons to adapt learning to provide appropriate support and challenge for all children.
- Senior leaders and teachers should strengthen planning and review processes for a few children who require additional support. Senior leaders should work with staff, parents and children to create plans that include clear and measurable targets. These should be regularly evaluated to ensure progress and secure sustained positive outcomes.
- Senior leaders should develop a more strategic approach to evaluating the impact of learning and wellbeing interventions. This should help staff identify what is working well and where improvements are needed to improve outcomes for children.

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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 East Milton Primary School

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**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: Reports page | Inspection reports | HMIE

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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HM Inspector

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

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