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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kilmaurs 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.

- The headteacher and staff work very well together to create positive and respectful relationships with children and the community. There is a welcoming, nurturing and inclusive ethos across the school as a result.
- Children are confident, polite and well-mannered. They engage well with visitors and are keen to share their experiences. They are very proud of their school and community.
- All children participate enthusiastically in pupil community leadership groups. They feel valued and listened to within the school and wider community as a result. Staff support children very well to develop skills for learning, life and work through these opportunities.
- The headteacher and staff provide a wide range of highly effective supports to reduce the cost of the school day. Children and families benefit greatly from staffs' discreet and caring approaches.

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

- Continue to build a shared understanding of high-quality learning, teaching and assessment. Senior leaders and teachers should ensure all children experience high-quality, well-paced learning experiences that are planned at the right level. They should provide appropriate support and challenge to ensure all learners make the best possible progress.
- Improve the quality of children's play-based learning across the early stages.
- Develop further staff understanding of how to analyse and use information about children's learning. They need to use this information to plan more effectively learning to improve outcomes for all children.
- Ensure Pupil Equity Funding is targeted more closely to tackle poverty-related attainment gaps in children's learning.
- Senior leaders and the local authority have worked together to take forward areas for improvement in safeguarding which required urgent action. They should continue to monitor and review the impact of this work over time.

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 Kilmaurs Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
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: [Kilmaurs Primary School | Inspection Report | 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. East Ayrshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Denise Penman
HM Inspector