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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Howwood 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.

- Senior leaders and staff have created a calm and nurturing learning environment. Children experience positive, caring and trusting relationships with all staff and with each other. This helps children to engage very well in their learning.
- Children have a wide range of opportunities to contribute to the life and work of the school, achieve success and develop new skills. These experiences build children's confidence, teamwork and communication skills.
- As a result of the consistently high-quality learning and teaching, children attain very well in literacy and numeracy throughout their time in school.

The following area for improvement was identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Renfrewshire Council.

- Senior leaders and staff should build on existing opportunities for children by giving them a greater role in planning, shaping and leading the learning. This would support children to develop higher levels of independence and challenge, while helping them to recognise and reflect on the skills they are developing.

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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 Howwood Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**very good**
Raising attainment and achievement	**very 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: Howwood 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. Renfrewshire 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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