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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Netherton 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 foster positive and caring relationships with children. This supports a calm and welcoming learning environment. Children are articulate, well-mannered and enthusiastic.
- Teachers are developing more well-established classroom routines that help children to focus on their learning. For example, teachers routinely share the purpose of learning and measures of success with children, they are developing opportunities for children to help plan learning, and are offering children helpful feedback during literacy.

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

- All staff should plan and deliver learning that is better matched to the needs of all children. This includes supporting a minority of children who require more challenge in their learning.
- Teachers should make improvements to the approaches used to assess children's progress. This will help to ensure their judgements of attainment continue to improve. Teachers should use assessment information to help all children to make further progress in their learning.
- Senior leaders and teachers should raise the attainment of children, particularly those in the middle stages of the school.
- There is an urgent need to improve the strategic leadership of learning, teaching and assessment and raising attainment and achievement. The headteacher should work with staff and the local authority to introduce a clear monitoring and tracking system and approaches to evaluate the quality of the work of the school. This should support the development of interventions that help to improve learner experiences and to raise the attainment and progress of learners.

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 Netherton Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
Raising attainment and achievement	weak
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: [Netherton Primary School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland](#)

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with North Lanarkshire Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with North Lanarkshire Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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HM Inspector

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