

25 August 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Bainsford Primary School and nursery class. 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.

- All staff in the school, enhanced provision and nursery have developed very nurturing, caring and trusting relationships with children. This supports all children to feel safe and secure and ensures almost all children engage well in learning and play experiences.
- The headteacher is highly respected and supported effectively by senior leaders and the whole staff team. They have embedded robust systems to plan, track and monitor children's learning and progress. As a result, most children across the school make good progress in their learning.
- Staff in the nursery deliver an innovative and creative curriculum where children experience meaningful and relevant learning. These experiences include learning in the outdoors and making connections with local residents. This helps them to develop important skills for life.
- All staff promote equity for all children in the school, enhanced provision and nursery. This is leading to children who feel valued, well supported and ready to learn.

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

- Staff should continue to work together to further develop consistently high-quality learning and teaching across the school and Enhanced Provision. They should provide children with increased opportunities to talk about and lead their learning.
- Senior leaders and staff should work together to improve attainment in literacy and numeracy. They should develop an effective system to capture and celebrate children's achievements more robustly. This should help all children to recognise the skills they are developing.
- Senior leaders and staff should develop further approaches to planning, tracking and assessment in the enhanced provision. This should support all children to make good progress towards their agreed targets.

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 Bainsford Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the ELC's work using three quality indicators from the [Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors](#).

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Curriculum	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Wellbeing, inclusion and equality	very good

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: [Bainsford 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. Falkirk 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