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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Westquarter Primary School and Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The nursery class/ELC setting was inspected as part of Education Scotland's pilot inspection phase using the Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The headteacher provides strong and effective leadership in the school, which is driving improvement and positive change. The whole staff team work effectively with the headteacher to create a nurturing, inclusive environment for learning. The school community shares a clear sense of purpose and belonging.

- Across the school and nursery, staff take part in relevant professional learning to improve teaching and learning. As a result of new approaches, children are motivated, eager to learn, and make good progress. They engage well with their learning and play in the school and nursery.

- Children are happy, well-behaved, and respectful. They understand and demonstrate the school's values in their everyday interactions. Their strong understanding of diversity helps them recognise and appreciate differences in themselves and others and support their peers with sensitivity.

- In the school, children's confidence and wellbeing are growing as their achievements and successes are recognised. Through leadership roles, they are developing important skills such as resilience, problem-solving, teamwork, and responsibility. They contribute positively to school life.

- In the nursery, staff work effectively as a team to provide children and families with high-quality support. They have very positive relationships with families and children which results in children being settled, happy and confident in the nursery.

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

- School staff should continue to build on improving the quality and consistency of teaching and learning.

- School staff should continue to raise attainment for all children, particularly in writing and in numeracy and mathematics.

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- Staff in the nursery should continue to review spaces and experiences to ensure all children are suitably challenged in their play.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Westquarter Primary School

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	**very good**
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**very 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. As this inspection is part of Education Scotland's pilot inspection phase using the Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors, these quality indicators have not been graded.

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

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: Westquarter Primary School | Inspection Report | Education Scotland

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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

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