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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate visited Maidens Primary School and Early Years Centre. 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 highly effective leadership provided by the headteacher, which has created a strong, inclusive and nurturing school and early years centre.
- The commitment, motivation and teamwork of all staff, in both the early years centre and primary school, to secure positive outcomes for all children, in particular those who require additional support.
- The high-quality learning experiences, both indoors and outdoors, for children in the early years centre.
- Enthusiastic children, who are eager to learn, and fully participate in life of the school.
- The outstanding commitment to inclusion, led by the headteacher, and supported by all members of staff.

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

- Continue to improve the curriculum and approaches to learning, teaching and assessment in the school to raise attainment further.

We gathered evidence to enable us to the schools work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#). 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 Maidens Primary School and Early Years Centre

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>excellent</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition)</a> , <a href="#">Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a> .	

Quality indicators for the early years centre	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

Here are the Care Inspectorate gradings for the early years centre

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	very good
Quality of environment	very good
Quality of staffing	very good
Quality of management and leadership	very good

### Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the early years centre.

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and one recommendation. From this, one recommendation has been met. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

More detailed Summarised Inspection Findings will be available from <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-ayrshire/8233721> and the [Care Inspectorate website](#).

### 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. South Ayrshire 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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