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Dear Parent/Carer,

In April 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Aspire Education (Kilbirnie). During our visit, we talked to parents/carers, and children and young people, and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- Re-engaging children and young people in education and improving their wellbeing in a positive, community-based facility.
- Helping children and young people to deal well with transitions, including preparation for adult life.
- Successfully building positive partnerships to better meet the needs of children and young people.
- Staff who are passionate about improving educational and wellbeing outcomes for children and young people.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from the Priory Group.

- Develop a rigorous and robust approach to self-evaluation.
- Achieve greater consistency across the school of high quality learning, teaching and assessment.
- Implement appropriate monitoring, tracking and record keeping approaches to capture the progress of children and young people and improve outcomes.
- Ensure that the school meets all legislative requirements and national guidelines.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the schools 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 Aspire Education (Kilbirnie)

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/north-ayrshire/8280347>.

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. The Operational Management Team will inform parents/carers about the school’s progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Ken McAra
HM Inspector