

West Dunbartonshire Council

Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee: 14 March 2012

Subject: Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education: Report on Braehead Primary School

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To inform Members of the inspection of Braehead Primary School by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and the subsequent report published by HMIE on 24 January 2012.

2. Background

- 2.1** In November 2011, Braehead Primary School was inspected as part of a national sample of primary education. The inspection covered key aspects of the work of the school. It evaluated:

- how well children learn and achieve,
- how well the school supports children to develop and learn, and
- how well the school improves the quality of its work.

The evaluations consider

- pupils' learning and achievement,
- the curriculum and meeting learning needs,
- how well staff worked with others to support young people's learning,
- how well staff and pupils were actively involved in improving their school community,
- did the school have high expectations of all young people and
- did the school have a clear sense of direction?

- 2.2** Her Majesty's Inspectors examined pupils' work and interviewed pupils, staff and parents. The inspection report is available at <http://www.hmie.gov.uk/> and a copy is attached as Appendix 1.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** Members will note that HM Inspectors identified key strengths within the school, in particular:

- children are confident and courteous;
- the learning environment is caring and supportive;

- staff and parents work well together to help children in their learning;
- the head teacher's leadership is improving the quality of children's learning experiences.

3.2 Members will note the evaluations of the indicators of quality used in this inspection procedure:

QI 1.1 Improvements in performance	Good
QI 2.1 Learners' experiences	Good
QI 5.1 The curriculum	Good
QI 5.3 Meeting learning needs	Good
QI 5.9 Improvement through self-evaluation	Very Good

3.3 These evaluations are recognised as a positive report in relation to the target on school inspections in the Single Outcome Agreement.

3.4 The Inspectors have agreed the following agenda for continuous improvement with the school and the education authority:

- continue to improve children's learning and achievement through greater challenge;
- continue to develop the curriculum further by using Curriculum for Excellence.

4. People Implications

4.1 This report has no implications for personnel.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The delegated school budget will finance the action plan.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 This report is classified as a positive inspection.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 No significant equalities issues were identified in relation to this report.

8. Strategic Assessment

8.1 The HMIE report provides evidence of the good quality service provided by the school.

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 9.1** Within 1 year of the date of publication, parents and carers will be informed by the Council on its continuous improvement.
- 9.2** The Committee is invited:
- (a) to note the contents of this report; and;
 - (b) to congratulate the head teacher, staff, parents and children of Braehead Primary School, for their achievements as recognised by HMIE in the report published on 24 January 2012.

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Appendices: **Appendix 1:** Copy of HMIE report on Braehead Primary School

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: Ward 3