

5. PARKHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, WEST CALDER -

In November 2010, HM Inspectors of Schools had visited Parkhead Primary School, West Calder. At the time of the inspection the roll was 439, including 67 nursery pupils. The report and main findings (which had been circulated) were published on 25th January 2011.

The school had a number of particular strengths:-

- The learning experiences and achievements of children in the nursery class and at the early stages.
- The approaches to meeting the needs of all learners.
- Well-behaved, friendly children and their enthusiasm for learning.
- The strong commitment and sense of professional responsibility demonstrated by staff.
- The headteacher's leadership of improvement and change.

The following area of improvement had been agreed with the school and education authority to continue to improve the quality of education:-

- Continue to build on the recent improvements to the curriculum and raise children's achievements further.

The inspection team was able to rely on the school's robust self-evaluation, and as a result, it had been able to change its focus during the inspection to support further improvements within the school.

The inspectors noted that the school provided a very good quality of education and as a result, they would make no further visits in connection with the inspection. The education authority would inform parents about the schools progress as part of the authority's arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of its school.

During the discussion, the Headteacher provided an overview of the school's improvement plan.

Decisions -

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. To endorse the school's improvement plan.
3. To commend the Headteacher, staff and children on the positive report.