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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2017 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Portmoak Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning provision and children's successes and achievements.

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

- Confident and articulate children who show a great pride in their school. Children are enthusiastic and motivated about their learning and respond well to the many varied opportunities provided by staff both in school and the wider community.
- The positive impact of the dynamic leadership of the headteacher. Taken together with the teamwork of the principal teacher and staff this is securing school improvement, sustaining high attainment and creating a nurturing and inclusive ethos.
- The very strong partnerships with parents, partners and the wider community to create enriching learning experiences for children. This contributes effectively to the exemplary range of children's achievements.
- The excellent provision for children's health and wellbeing and for meeting their learning needs in full.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Perth and Kinross Council:

- As identified in the school improvement plan, continue with developments in the area of skills for learning, life and work including digital skills.

Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is good and what needs to be improved in the work of the school. You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school*¹? Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of three important quality indicators to keep track of how well all Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Portmoak Primary School

Leadership of Change	excellent
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	excellent

The letter and more detailed summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at;

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/perth-and-kinross/5348129>

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. Perth and Kinross Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Alan Urquhart
HM Inspector

¹ How good is our school? (4th Edition) 2015 [How good is our school? \(fourth edition\)](#)

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