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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Arngask Primary School and Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate aspects of the quality of leadership and children's achievements.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the work of the school and nursery.

- The strong sense of community among all children and how they work together across age groups in the school and nursery. Children have real ownership of their learning. Their voice is heard, listened to and their views acted upon.
- The strong partnership working with families. Parents are increasingly involved in their children's learning experiences.
- The headteacher's leadership and the team work across the school and nursery. Staff work together well to further improve the school and enhance children's learning experiences.
- The relaxed, calm and nurturing environment which is conducive to children's learning and making progress.

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

- Continue to use self-evaluation for improvement and ensure that this becomes embedded further across the school and nursery.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, education 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 evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Arngask Primary School

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Self-evaluation for self-improvement	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from How good is our school? (4th edition) , Appendix 3: The six-point scale .	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Self-evaluation for self-improvement	good
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

This letter and a more detailed document called the Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/perth-and-kinross/5340721>.

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.

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