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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Collace Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- The strong ethos of teamwork among staff. They have remained resilient and positive through times of change, always putting children first.
- Articulate, enthusiastic and happy children. They enjoy learning together in mixed age groups. Older children show kindness and understanding as they support younger ones.
- Highly successful partnerships with parents and the local community. These partnerships enhance children's experiences and ensure that Collace Primary School is truly at the heart of the community.
- The highly effective headteacher. In a very short time, she has identified the strengths of the school and key areas for improvement. She has quickly gained the confidence of staff, children and parents. She demonstrates the significant leadership skills and experience to help the school to continue to flourish and grow.

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

- Continue to raise children's attainment in literacy by sharing best practice in learning, teaching and assessment across the staff team.
- Continue to develop the curriculum to broaden children's experiences and skills, in and beyond their school and community. This includes learning more about their own wellbeing and resilience, the world of work and diversity in wider society.
- As planned, increase the ways that parents can contribute to improving the school and participate as full partners in their children's learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's 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 Collace Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
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 (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

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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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