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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kinross Primary School and Nursery Class. 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:

- Children who are courteous and respectful, are eager to learn, and who talk confidently about their learning.
- High levels of children's attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- The headteacher and deputies who provide strong and supportive leadership. Together with the whole staff team, they help to create a positive and inclusive ethos.
- Highly effective partnership working which provides children with significant skills for life, learning and work. Of particular note is the Cultural Group which is led by parents to increase children's cultural experiences.
- A carefully planned learning environment in the nursery class which enables children to participate in exciting and stimulating learning contexts.

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

- Continue to develop the curriculum to ensure children benefit from clearer progression pathways across their learning.
- As planned, further develop approaches to planning, assessment and tracking.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) 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 Kinross Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Securing children's progress	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/perth-and-kinross/5345227>

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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