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Dear Parent/Carer

We are trying out some new approaches to inspection. You can find out about our engagement with stakeholders and the approaches we are trying out as a result at [Future approaches to inspection and review](#) on our website. The inspection of your school was carried out using one of our new approaches.

In February a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited your school for a total of two days. 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 school's work:

- Outstanding approaches to learning about sustainability, citizenship and global issues. The school's work over the last decade in this area is making a real difference to children, the local community of Muthill and a community further afield in Ghana.
- Confident and motivated children who are proud of their school and have a genuine voice in making improvements. Children thrive on their leadership responsibilities and have a direct influence in improving their learning.
- Staff's commitment to career-long professional learning which is leading to better outcomes for all children. Staff have a sound knowledge of all children's learning and wellbeing. They base their actions on the latest research to ensure all children can achieve their potential.
- Strong partnerships with parents and partners, to the mutual benefit of the school and the local community. The children of Muthill Primary School are at the heart of the village community.
- Leadership at all levels and the dedication of the staff team to providing a caring and stimulating ethos for learning. Muthill Primary School demonstrates a clear capacity for continuous improvement.

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

- As planned, continue to develop curriculum frameworks to ensure progression and coherence in children's skills for learning, life and work.
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**Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to identify what is working well 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*<sup>1</sup>? 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 Muthill Primary School:

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| <b>QI 1.1 Self-evaluation for self-improvement</b> | <b>very good</b> |
| <b>QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement</b>   | <b>very good</b> |

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/reports/perth-and-kinross/5346320>.

### 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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HM Inspector

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

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