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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Newhill 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.

- Senior leaders, teachers and staff across the school who work very effectively as a team and are committed to achieving the best outcomes for children in the school.
- Children who are polite, welcoming and enthusiastic. They come to school extremely keen to learn and to do their best.
- The positive relationships amongst children and staff. Children learn in a very caring and nurturing environment.
- The recent improvements in children's attainment in literacy and English, and numeracy and mathematics across the school.

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

- As planned, develop a curriculum rationale which takes good account of the local context of the school, and which improves the school's approach to interdisciplinary learning.
- Continue to develop further the school's approaches to planning, assessment and moderation, leading to consistently high quality learning experiences for all children.
- Continue with plans to engage parents and the wider community more fully in the life and work of the school.

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 Newhill Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	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/5341426>

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.

Ken McAra
HM Inspector