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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Rattray Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. Rattray Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

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

- The very well-respected headteacher who is providing strong and supportive leadership to staff and the school community. She is creating a strong culture for school improvement which is effective and sensitively led.
- The highly committed staff team that demonstrates leadership, works well together and has a strong understanding of the needs of the school community.
- The quality of learning and teaching that has a positive impact on children's attainment. Staff provide opportunities for children to achieve, succeed and celebrate success. Staff create an inclusive school that values the contribution of children.
- Children who succeed in making the school a place where their rights are respected. Children work well together and participate in school life to create positive changes across the school.
- A school that meets the needs of young carers very well. This is developing a positive school environment for young carers to learn, succeed and feel supported. This is improving outcomes for children and families.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to assessment. This will support all staff to know how well children are progressing with their learning.
- Continue to focus on improving attainment for children, including those areas of literacy and stages of the school affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 Rattray Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very 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.

David M^cKellar
HM Inspector