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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 on our website: [Future approaches to inspection and review](#). The inspection of your child's school was carried out using one of our new approaches.

In January 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited your child's 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.

- The good team work among all staff across the school and nursery as they work together to make improvements to children's learning experiences.
- The very high quality learning environment which is provided by the new school building.
- Approaches taken in the nursery to support the development of children's literacy and numeracy skills.
- Children's enthusiasm for learning and their keenness to take on further challenges in the school.

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

- Develop a wider range of approaches to self-evaluation for improvement and ensure that these are used consistently across the school and nursery to bring about improvements.
- Continue to improve staff's skills in analysing a range of data and evidence to raise children's attainment further.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, education 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 evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Alyth Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Self-evaluation for self-improvement	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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
Self-evaluation for self-improvement	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

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/inspection-reports/perth-and-kinross/5352223>.

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