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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Inverarity 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 polite, well behaved, responsible and enthusiastic across the nursery and school. They are proud of their school and contribute well to all aspects of school life.
- The very effective leadership of the headteacher. The headteacher has a strong understanding of the needs of the school and a clear vision for continuous improvement, which is managed at an appropriate pace of change.
- A strong focus on positive relationships and wellbeing underpins the ethos of school life. This supports a culture of inclusion and respect throughout the school. The headteacher and dedicated whole staff team, supported by strong partnerships with parents and partners, provide a child-centred approach to all aspects of Inverarity.
- In the nursery, the very good progress children are making in the stimulating and well-planned outdoor environment.

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

- Continue with planned developments of the curriculum, to ensure children make the best possible progress and develop ongoing skills for learning, life and work.
- Continue to create high-quality learning experiences, along with assessment approaches, to ensure children know how well they are doing and what they need to do to improve.

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 Inverarity 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	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	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	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/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=3046>

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. Angus 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