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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Crossgates 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.

- Confident, highly motivated and engaged children who are very proud of their school and nursery. They are enthusiastic and keen learners.
- The commitment, dedication and teamwork of all staff, led by the headteacher, to improving learning experiences for all children. This is resulting in high-quality teaching and very good levels of attainment in the school.
- The strong partnerships with the local community and businesses which enrich children's learning. This is helping children develop important skills for life, learning and work and is contributing to raising attainment and achievement.

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

- Continue as planned to develop further approaches to learning, teaching and assessment in order to continue to maintain high standards of attainment and achievement for all children.
- Refining approaches to using observations to inform planning in the nursery will help practitioners have a clearer focus on children's learning.
- Practitioners now need to continue to involve children and parents more in planning, discussing and evaluating learning experiences in the nursery.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Crossgates Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	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
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/fife/5441420>

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. Fife Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Stuart Cathro
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