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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Letham 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.

- Commitment of headteacher, depute headteacher and the staff team across the school to improving the wellbeing of children and families in a supportive, caring and nurturing environment.
- Highly effective partnership working with a range of colleagues to secure the best possible outcomes for children and their families.
- Children who are polite and friendly and show a great pride in their school.

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

- The school leadership team should work with staff team to ensure consistently high-quality learning and teaching at all stages. In doing so, ensure there is appropriate pace and challenge in all lessons.
- Raise attainment and achievement for children to ensure children are achieving appropriate standards in literacy and numeracy.
- Continue to make improvements to the curriculum to ensure all children make continuous progress across the broad general education.
- Improve children's learning experiences at the early level to ensure a stronger focus on developing children's literacy and numeracy skills.

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 Letham Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	weak
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	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
Securing children's progress	weak
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	good
Quality of environment	adequate
Quality of staffing	good
Quality of management and leadership	adequate

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and no recommendations. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and one recommendation.

Recommendation:

- To ensure the safety and wellbeing of children attending the service, staff should develop a robust risk assessment to support children who access the corridor to visit the toilets and cloakroom areas. This is in order to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standard 5.17 which states 'My environment is secure and safe'.

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/5347122> and the [Care Inspectorate website](#)

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with Perth and Kinross Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within 18 months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Perth and Kinross Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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