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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Ferryden 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.

- The positive 'family feel' culture in the school and nursery which is based firmly on the school values and a commitment to children's rights. As a result, children are confident, highly motivated learners who are very proud of their school.
- The effective leadership of the headteacher, ably supported by the depute headteacher. They have introduced effective processes to plan, track and monitor children's learning in the school and nursery which impact positively on children's attainment and achievement.
- The high-quality and creative approaches to learning and teaching both indoors and outdoors in the school and nursery. Teachers and practitioners are proactive in improving their skills and knowledge and work together very well as a highly effective team.
- In the school, teachers' success in embedding progressive approaches to digital learning. These approaches enhance children's learning experiences and extend their skills and knowledge.

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

- Continue to support children in the school and nursery to understand and talk about the skills they are developing through their learning experiences. This will help children to set next steps in their own learning journey.
- Continue to implement approaches to raise attainment for all children in the school and nursery. In the school, senior leaders should continue to develop their analysis of attainment data to carefully monitor the progress of specific groups of children over time.

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 Ferryden Primary School and Pre School Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very 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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Securing children's progress	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:

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

Helen Mulholland
HM Inspector