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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Greenwards Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with senior leaders and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The inclusive, welcoming and supportive school ethos. Senior leaders and staff have a clear focus on providing a nurturing and calm learning environment for children.
- Articulate and confident children who are proud of their school community. Across the school, children show respect and kindness to each other. Older children support younger ones very well as buddies and mentors.
- Successful approaches to learning through play that allow children to be creative, independent and curious. Children are motivated by regular opportunities to follow their own interests and to make choices about how and what they learn.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with senior leaders and representatives from Moray Council.

- Continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy to help all children make the best possible progress.
- As planned, develop greater consistency in high-quality learning, teaching and assessment across the school. This includes ensuring that lessons and activities are well-matched to meet all children's needs.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Greenwards Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

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

[Greenwards Primary School | Inspection Report | Education Scotland](#)

### 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. Moray 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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