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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Premnay Primary School. 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 welcoming and nurturing ethos of the school. This is supporting children to establish positive relationships and to demonstrate care and respect towards each other and staff.
- The school's vision and values which is understood by the whole school community and articulated through the daily life of the school.
- Staff's understanding of children's needs across the school community. This allows them to identify appropriate interventions to support children who need help and ensures that children are attaining and achieving at an appropriate level.
- Led by the headteacher, the commitment of staff to working collegiately to ensure the best possible outcomes for children's learning and wellbeing.

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

- Develop consistent approaches to learning, teaching and assessment. Teachers should ensure that children develop independence in their learning and they experience consistently high quality learning and teaching as they move through the school. This should focus on increasing the pace of learning and offering children opportunities to apply skills and knowledge in real life contexts.
- Continue to develop the curriculum with the school community to ensure it reflects the local context. Increase opportunities for children to contribute to the development of aspects of the curriculum such as outdoor learning and digital technologies.
- Continue to develop appropriate leadership opportunities across the staff team to further improve shared approaches to self-evaluation and in delivering school improvement priorities.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Premnay Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>

Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:  
[How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\), Appendix 3: 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/aberdeenshire/5229022>

### 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. Aberdeenshire 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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