

25 June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Chapel of Garioch 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.

- Under the strong leadership of the headteacher, all staff work together very effectively to deliver high-quality learning experiences which meet the needs of all children. The care and welfare of children is at the heart of the school's work.
- Polite, articulate and confident children who are eager to learn and able to shape and direct their own learning. They are rightly proud of their school and their many achievements.
- The continuous focus on raising attainment and achievement for all. Each child is known as an individual and is supported to achieve their full potential.
- The rich learning experiences provided by the school which help children to develop skills for learning, life and work. Parents and partners play an important role in supporting the curriculum.

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

- Continue to develop children's leadership skills through increased involvement in school improvement priorities. This will support children to see how they can further influence the work of their school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). 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 Chapel of Garioch School

Quality indicators	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	

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/5224721>

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.

Scott Lavery
 HM Inspector