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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Beauly 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 headteacher's strong leadership. She has a clear vision for the school and nursery and has created a culture of self-evaluation and improvement. She has established effective teamwork in the school and nursery, including all parents, resulting in a strong sense of community.
- The positive relationships between children and adults. This supports the caring ethos and culture in which children learn. Children enjoy coming to the school and nursery. They are friendly, show consideration for others, keen to learn and proud of their school.
- Children's enjoyment of quality outdoor experiences in the nursery. They are making good progress in their learning and development.

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

- Continue to develop how the school uses information to identify, and take forward, relevant priorities for improvement.
- Improve further the quality of learning and teaching. This will ensure children benefit from high quality experiences throughout their time in school and nursery. Children should have increased opportunities to lead their learning.
- Continue to raise attainment. In doing so, develop how the school builds on what children already know ensuring this leads to learning of an appropriate level of difficulty.

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 Beauly Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	good
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	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	good
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	

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

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/highland/5144027>

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

Graeme Gordon
HM Inspector