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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Lhanbryde 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.

- Children who are welcoming, respectful, kind and caring. Positive, trusting relationships across the school community support children to feel a strong sense of belonging.
- A collaborative staff team who consider carefully the strengths and needs of children in their classes. This is leading to improvements in classroom practice and the learning experiences of children.
- The range and quality of support offered to children who face challenges and barriers to their learning. Staff carefully plan together a range of interventions to meet the needs of individual children.

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

- Senior leaders should ensure that children receive their entitlement to a broad general education. Delivering learning across all curricular areas will provide greater opportunities for children to develop important skills.
- Senior leaders and staff should work together to improve the progress and attainment of all children.
- Ensure that all children have equitable opportunities to participate in wider achievement activities which are systematically tracked and monitored.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	weak
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: [Find an inspection report | Education Scotland](#)

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with Moray Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within 12 months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Moray Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school, we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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HM Inspector