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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2017, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited North Roe Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning provision and children's successes and achievements.

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

- Led by the vision of the headteacher, the school's strong partnerships with parents and the local community which enhance children's learning experiences.
- Positive relationships across the school which are leading to children feeling safe, cared for and valued.
- The focus on recognising success and achievement which is helping to increase children's confidence and self-esteem.
- Polite, well-mannered children who are keen to learn and are proud of their school.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Shetland Islands Council:

- Raise attainment and achievement.
- Develop the curriculum in line with national guidance. Focus should be placed on ensuring children are benefitting from learning activities which progressively develop their skills and knowledge across all areas of their learning.
- Develop more robust and rigorous approaches to assessing, tracking and monitoring children's progress with their learning.
- The school needs to take a more focussed approach to self-evaluation, quality assurance and improvement planning.

Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is good and what needs to be improved in the work of the school. You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school*¹? Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of three important quality indicators to keep track of how well all Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for North Roe Primary School:

Leadership of Change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory

The letter and more detailed summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/shetland-islands/6101925>

What happens next?

We are satisfied that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Shetland Islands 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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HM Inspector

¹ How good is our school? (4th Edition) 2015 [How good is our school? \(fourth edition\)](#)

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