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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Alehousewells 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 effective leadership of the acting headteacher is having a positive impact on learning and teaching across the school. She has quickly gained the respect of the whole school community. She is supporting staff in the nursery and primary stages well in their improvement agenda. As a result, children's experiences and progress are improving.
- The warm relationships across the school and nursery. Children in the school and nursery learn and play in a caring environment. Staff know the children, their families and the community very well. They work well as a team as they develop new whole school approaches to ensuring children make better progress in their learning.

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

- Continue to improve attainment in literacy and numeracy and mathematics.
- Review approaches to planning and assessment to ensure all children in the nursery and school make progress across all areas of the curriculum. In doing so, ensure all children receive appropriate challenge in their learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Alehousewells School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	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: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and review | Education Scotland](#)

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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