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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kirkhill 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.

- Led effectively by the headteacher, all staff in the school and nursery have developed nurturing and supportive relationships with all children. This enables children to engage well in their learning.
- In the school, staff provide children with a broad range of experiences, both in and out of school, which develop their skills and interests well. This is supporting children to develop and apply a wide range of skills for learning, life and work.
- In the school, staff use digital technology effectively to enhance and support children's learning.
- In the nursery, staff's focus on supporting children's wellbeing is helping all children to be confident and resilient in their learning and play.

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

- Staff in the school should continue to develop high quality approaches to learning and teaching. They should ensure these are consistent across classes to enable all children to maximise their progress.
- In the school and nursery, staff should continue to review regularly information on children's progress. This will help them to further improve children's attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- In the nursery, staff should support children to talk about and lead their learning more frequently.

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 Kirkhill Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	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
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: [Kirkhill Primary School | Inspection Report | 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. 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.

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