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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kinmylies 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.

- Children are well-mannered, eager to learn and have a positive attitude towards their learning. They demonstrate their school values positively in their interactions with others.
- Staff across the school and nursery, have developed positive, nurturing and respectful relationships with children. This supports a safe and supportive environment for learning.
- The headteacher places great importance on improving children's wellbeing and sense of inclusion. As a result, children feel well-supported and have a strong sense of belonging to their school community.
- Within the nursery, children benefit from a high-quality learning opportunities through play that supports them to develop their confidence, curiosity and communication skills. Children make good progress as a result.

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

- Senior leaders should improve leadership of change at all levels to enhance positive outcomes for children. This should include involving staff, children, parents and partners further in the process of change.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to improve the quality of learning, teaching and assessment across the school. Children would benefit from more challenge and the opportunity to lead aspects of their learning.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to raise the attainment of children, with a focus on improving children's success in writing and numeracy.
- In the nursery, practitioners should ensure children's learning through play builds on what they have learned previously. They should improve how they monitor children's progress in learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Kinmylies Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

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