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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Broomhill 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 who demonstrate a positive attitude to learning. They respond well to opportunities they have to learn in interesting contexts such as the wooded area.
- The school's approaches to inclusion and diversity which enables children to be valued members of the school community.
- The headteacher and senior leaders who are working with staff and the school community to drive forward school improvements. Staff who support each other well. They welcome opportunities for professional learning to improve outcomes for learners.

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

- Develop further approaches to learning, teaching and assessment across the nursery and school to ensure greater consistency. In doing so, it will be important for all staff to have a shared understanding of high quality learning and teaching.
- Develop further approaches to tracking and monitoring children's learning across the nursery and school to ensure all children make the best possible progress.
- Improve children's experiences in the nursery class to ensure all children are supported to make the best possible progress.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 visited Broomhill Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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 Aberdeen City Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Aberdeen City 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.

Jackie Maley
HM Inspector