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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Auchterhouse Primary School. 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 headteacher and staff have created a positive and caring ethos where children are happy and supportive of each other. Children are articulate and have good opportunities to make decisions about their learning.
- Staff are committed to developing their practice and expertise to ensure they are delivering the best possible outcomes for children.
- Parents are positive about the work of the school and actively support children's learning. They work in partnership with staff to promote the school as an important part of the community.

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

- Ensure learning and teaching takes better account of the different stages of children in each class.
- Develop a consistent approach to assessing children's progress. Staff should work with other schools to increase their understanding of expected standards of children's work.
- Increase opportunities for pupils to lead on whole school issues to enable all children to benefit from developing important leadership skills.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). 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 Auchterhouse Primary School

Quality indicators	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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/angus/5320127>

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. Angus 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