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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Canisbay Primary School and Canisbay Rainbow Nursery. 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 are energetic, happy at school and proud of their achievements.
- The teamwork of the headteacher and staff and the welcoming atmosphere they create. The support for children's pastoral needs and willingness of the team to develop the school and nursery class.
- Children's attainment in reading and the ways in which children are involved in the life of the school.

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

- Continue to develop consistency in high quality learning and teaching.
- Further develop tracking and monitoring and the use of assessment to inform planning for 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 Canisbay Primary School and Canisbay Rainbow Nursery

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	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:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/highland/5100224>.

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.

Susan Gow
HM Inspector