

2 September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Nesting 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 effective leadership of the new headteacher in building effective relationships, accurately evaluating the strengths of the school and forming a strategic vision for further improvements.
- Children who enjoy school, support one another well, are motivated to learn and proud of their achievements.
- The teamwork of staff and their willingness to improve the school through developing and sharing their professional skills and knowledge. The nurturing and inclusive learning environment where all staff work together effectively with parents and partners to enhance learning experiences.

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

- Further develop the school's approaches to monitoring and tracking children's progress to ensure attainment is raised.
- Further develop planning and assessment for learning and improve consistency in high quality learning and teaching.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</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>	

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

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/shetland-islands/6102727>

### What happens next?

We will ask Shetland Islands Council for a report on progress with the agreed areas for improvement within 12 months of the publication of this letter. Taking account of the progress report, we will then decide whether further engagement with the school is required. This may involve another inspection visit. We will write to you again detailing the improvements the school has made and outlining any further action that we intend to take, as agreed with Shetland Islands Council.

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HM Inspector