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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Tingwall Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Tingwall Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- A welcoming environment with positive relationships and happy children who enjoy coming to school.
- A strong sense of teamwork, with a clear focus on improving children's experiences.
- Children's experiences in art, music and physical education and opportunities to develop their literacy and numeracy in other areas of the curriculum.

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

- Ensure that children's time during the school day is very well planned and leads to high-quality learning.
- Raise expectations of attainment in literacy and numeracy through learning that builds on what children already know.
- Develop children's knowledge of literature through motivating them to read a wider range of texts for pleasure and enjoyment.

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 Tingwall Primary School

Quality indicators	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	

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. Shetland Islands Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Elizabeth C Montgomery
HM Inspector