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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Hopeman Primary School Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the acting manager and staff.

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

- Children who are enthusiastic, motivated and very engaged in their nursery experiences. As a result, they make very good progress in their learning.
- Practitioners who have high expectations of children and themselves. As a team, they are passionate and demonstrate a notable level of commitment to successfully deliver high quality early learning experiences.
- High quality interactions between practitioners and children. Practitioners skilfully support, extend and challenge children's learning through a very effective blend of adult-initiated and child-led experiences. They are creative in how they motivate and excite children in their learning.
- The development and use of interesting approaches to plan and document children's learning. Practitioners support children well to be active participants in the process.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the acting manager and a representative from Moray Council.

- Build on existing links in the local community to provide opportunities for children to learn through real-life experiences and contribute as citizens of 21<sup>st</sup> century Scotland.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the setting's work using quality indicators from [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) Quality indicators help learning and childcare settings, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved.

## Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Hopeman Primary Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Hopeman Primary School | Inspection Report](#)

### What happens next?

We are confident that the nursery has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Moray Council will inform parents/carers about the nursery's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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