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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Hill of Beath Primary School and Nursery Class. 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.

- Friendly children who engage well with digital technology as part of their learning. They are proud of their achievements and enjoy sharing these with each other and adults.
- Staff who plan and deliver high quality learning and teaching experiences. This is helping to engage and motivate learners well.
- Senior leaders who have led improvements in learning and teaching approaches across the primary classes.

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

- Improve learning and teaching in the nursery class. This will require focused leadership to create a cohesive team who are better able to support children to make the progress they are capable of.
- Continue to improve approaches in the use of assessment data to ensure all children are making the best possible progress in learning.
- Develop further approaches for identifying and supporting children who may require additional help to engage fully in learning. In doing so, ensure current resources are fully maximised in order that all children make the best possible progress.

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 Hill of Beath Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

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/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page//?id=2942>

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

Jackie Maley
HM Inspector