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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bun-sgoil an Àth Leathainn - Broadford Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Broadford 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.

- The leadership at all levels across the school. The headteacher and staff have developed a caring and nurturing school culture where children are keen and motivated to learn.
- The leadership of Gàidhlig (Gaelic). The headteacher and staff are enthusiastic in taking forward and celebrating Gàidhlig. This has resulted in the numbers of learners of Gàidhlig at the school increasing.
- Polite well-mannered children. They consistently demonstrate school values in their interactions within school and across the local community.

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

- Staff should continue to develop children's fluency in Gàidhlig (Gaelic) in both English Medium and Gàidhlig Medium Education.
- The headteacher and staff should work together to raise attainment in writing and numeracy, particularly by increasing pace and challenge in children's learning.
- Across the school, the headteacher and staff should continue to use a wider range of approaches to evaluating the school's strengths and next steps for improvement.



We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from <u>How good is our school? (4th edition</u>). 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 Broadford Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4 th 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: <u>Broadford Primary School | Inspection Report | Education</u> <u>Scotland</u>

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.

Fraser Gillan HM Inspector