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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Newtyle 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, polite children in nursery and primary classes who are keen to learn. They are proud of their school and respond well to opportunities they have to share their learning.
- The headteacher and staff who have created a positive and inclusive climate for learning, based firmly on the school's values.
- Practitioners in the nursery class who have been creative in the development of a high-quality learning environment. This is supporting children to be curious and imaginative and make good progress in their learning.

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

- Develop further approaches to evaluating the work of the school. This is to ensure the headteacher and staff have an accurate picture of the school's strengths and the areas which require improvement.
- Develop the primary school curriculum to ensure children build on their learning more effectively as they move through the school.
- Continue to improve learning and teaching approaches to help children make better progress in their learning. In doing so, ensure the pace of learning is brisker and that all children receive appropriate support and challenge.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Newtyle Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Securing children's progress	good
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: [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. Angus 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