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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Taynuilt Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) 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.

- The positive impact of the headteacher and staff, in creating a calm and purposeful environment for learning.
- Children who are polite, well-mannered and engaged in their learning. They are proud of their school and value the opportunities to learn through a range of contexts, such as through the use of digital technology.
- Positive relationships between practitioners and children and their families in the ELC setting.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to learning and teaching so that all children receive high-quality experiences. This includes ensuring that learning is at the right level of difficulty for all children.
- Continue to develop approaches to planning, assessment and progression in learning. This will support staff further to improve experiences and outcomes for all children.
- Improve approaches to planning in the ELC to take better account of children's interests. This should include an increase in opportunities for children to develop their literacy and numeracy skills across all aspects of learning, including outdoors.

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 Taynuilt Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare 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 ELC class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4922>

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

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