

3 June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Blackford Primary School. 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.

- Led effectively by the headteacher, all staff have created a nurturing and inclusive environment. Relationships across the school community are positive and based clearly on mutual trust and respect.
- Children are welcoming, friendly and proud of their school. They engage enthusiastically in class and talk confidently about their successes in learning.
- Teachers make very effective use of digital technologies across learning and teaching. Children use a range of tools confidently to support and enhance their learning across the curriculum, and to develop their digital skills.

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

- Teachers need to use assessment data and other key information to evaluate and evidence that planned interventions are improving outcomes for children. They should use this information to inform their future planning.
- The headteacher and staff should continue to raise attainment, particularly in writing and numeracy.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Blackford Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition)</a> , <a href="#">Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

[Blackford Primary School | Inspection Report | 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. Perth and Kinross Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Jennifer Wadley  
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