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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited North Queensferry 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.

- Children across the school and the nursery benefit from positive relationships with adults and each other. They enjoy creative and interesting approaches to learning. As a result, they are confident, articulate and are developing a good understanding about the purpose of their learning.
- Children in the school are developing a good understanding about how they can improve the local and wider community. Their involvement in the North Queensferry Action Plan and other local initiatives is helping them develop important knowledge and skills for life beyond school.

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

- Across the school and nursery, staff should continue to plan learning and teaching that takes account of the different stages and abilities of children. Children would benefit from further opportunities to apply their learning in real-life contexts.
- Across the school and nursery, staff should continue to raise attainment and achievement, 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? \(4th edition\)](#) 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 North Queensferry 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	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. Fife 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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