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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Mountfleurie 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.

- Led by the headteacher, the staff commitment to working closely with each other in order to improve outcomes for all children.
- The clear and precise targets of the school improvement plan, which correctly focus on the key areas needed to take the school forward.
- The support given to children, including targeted interventions and how staff are working to close the attainment gap.
- In the nursery, high quality learning environments both indoors and outdoors and the positive relationships between children and staff. These are helping children to develop confidence as well as new skills.

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

- Improve attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- Improve learning, teaching and assessment. Teachers should ensure that children build on previous learning and that they experience high quality learning that meet their needs as they move through the school.
- Children should be more involved in what and how they learn across all stages.
- There should be a whole school focus on behaviour and relationships. Children need clearer expectations of behaviour and this could be linked to the school values.

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

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

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

## Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
<b>Quality of care and support</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Quality of environment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Quality of staffing</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Quality of management and leadership</b>	<b>good</b>

### Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and no recommendations. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

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

[https://education.gov.scot/what-we-do/inspection-and-review/Reports#k=Title:Mountfleurie Primary School\\*](https://education.gov.scot/what-we-do/inspection-and-review/Reports#k=Title:Mountfleurie%20Primary%20School*) and the [Care Inspectorate website](#).

### 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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