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Dear Parent/Carer,

In January 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Arnage 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.

- The leadership of the headteacher in involving staff, parents and carers, children and partners in supporting and leading learning.
- Children who are polite and friendly and are enthusiastic about their learning. They care for each other and are happy at school.
- The nurturing and caring school ethos demonstrated by all school staff working together.

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

- Build on existing good practice to improve the quality of learning and teaching across the school to provide consistently high-quality learning experiences for all children.
- Work with all stakeholders to develop their role in securing school improvements. This should include reviewing and enhancing the curriculum to provide appropriate learning opportunities and contexts for learning.
- Improve attainment through ensuring that information on children's progress is better used to plan their next steps in learning. This will help to ensure that all children achieve to their potential.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, education 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 evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Arnage School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from How good is our school? (4th edition) , Appendix 3: The six-point scale .	

A more detailed document called summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/aberdeenshire/5224128>

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

David Drysdale
HM Inspector