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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Rothes 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.

- Children are confident, friendly and responsible and demonstrate their school values clearly. They engage very well in their learning and are proud of their school.
- The headteacher and staff have created a nurturing, inclusive ethos, across the school. Strong, positive relationships between adults and children are based on mutual respect and understanding.
- The headteacher has successfully created a culture of collaboration which is underpinned by trust, respect and effective communication. Partners, parents/carers and local residents actively support the work of the school. Their contributions are valued by all and have a positive impact on children's learning and achievements.
- There are high levels of attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school.

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

- The headteacher should continue to work with staff to focus on key improvement priorities and how they will measure success.
- Teachers should continue to improve high quality learning and teaching across the school. This should include increased opportunities for children to become more independent and creative in their learning.
- As planned, the headteacher should work with teachers to identify more clearly what is to be learned and how it will be assessed. This will help teachers to ensure children receive a broad and balanced curriculum.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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 (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

[Rothes 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. Moray 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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HM Inspector