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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kininmonth 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 who are friendly and look after each other well. They are welcoming and proud of their school.
- The headteacher and staff team who have fostered strong relationships across the school community. Together, they have established a nurturing and positive ethos.
- The effective partnerships across the school community which are helping children to enjoy success in a variety of contexts.

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

- Improve further approaches to learning and teaching. This is to ensure all children benefit from high quality learning experiences.
- Develop further approaches to raise attainment in literacy and English and in numeracy and mathematics.
- Improve approaches to planning to ensure children make appropriate progress across all areas of the curriculum.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Kininmonth Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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:

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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.

Jackie Maley
HM Inspector