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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Blairhall 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.

- Well behaved, polite children who enjoy active learning experiences and who are making good progress in their learning.
- The leadership of the headteacher, ably supported by the two acting deputies. The team has successfully led the school in improving the ethos, learning and teaching and children's attainment and achievement.
- The whole staff team commitment to professional learning which is supporting their focus on improving outcomes for children.
- Children in the nursery class benefit from a well-planned learning environment and caring support. They are settled in their nursery, and enjoy their time learning indoors and out.

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

- Continue to build on good practice to ensure children experience high quality learning and teaching across a relevant curriculum which offers children progression in all areas. In doing so, ensure all children attain appropriate levels.
- Staff in the nursery should continue to improve their use of tracking systems to inform future planning of learning and appropriate intervention and support.

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 Blairhall Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</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>	

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

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/fife/5440521>

### 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.

Susan Duff  
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