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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Dallas 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.

- Articulate children who take great pride in their school, their local community and have high aspirations for their future. They work effectively together, support one another and demonstrate the school's values well.
- The leadership of the school's curriculum provides rich and relevant learning experiences. Children are developing skills well as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.
- Children's enjoyment of learning in a nurturing and inclusive learning environment. The supportive staff team ensures children are cared for and central to learning. Partnership working, visiting specialists and community involvement provide stimulating experiences for children to learn and develop.

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

- Continue to develop consistency in the quality of learning and teaching using approaches that meet the learning needs of all children.
- Continue to raise attainment including using effective monitoring and tracking of children's progress through Curriculum for Excellence levels. Ensure improved reliability of teacher's professional judgements about what children have achieved.

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 Dallas Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2299>

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.

Elizabeth C Montgomery
HM Inspector