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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Strathmore Primary School and Pre-School 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.

- The school's approaches to developing children's emotional wellbeing. This supports the very inclusive culture across the school and nursery. Children are friendly and enjoy learning in a school where they know they are cared for and valued.
- The senior leaders', staff's and practitioners' effective teamwork. Senior leaders have maintained a continuous focus, despite recent changes in staffing, on improving the work of the school and nursery. Collectively, they embrace change and take forward improvement priorities effectively.
- Teachers use of the school campus to support outdoor learning. This helps children develop their skills in interesting real life contexts.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to planning children's learning in the nursery. In doing so, ensure children's next steps in learning are identified clearly to lead to improved progress.
- Develop further how teacher's plan learning in the school, which supports children to take greater ownership of their learning. Ensure this planned learning focuses on raising children's attainment.

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

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

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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. Angus Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Graeme Gordon
HM Inspector