

7 March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Abercromby Primary School and Nursery Class  
Clackmannanshire Council**

In August 2015, HM Inspectors published a letter on your child's school. The letter set out a number of areas for improvement which we agreed with the school and Clackmannanshire Council. Recently, as you may know, I visited the school again as part of a joint evaluation activity with senior officers from Clackmannanshire Council. The purpose of this visit was to monitor the school's progress with our areas for improvement. During our visit, we talked to children and parents and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We heard from the headteacher and other staff about the steps the school has taken to improve. I have asked Clackmannanshire Council to issue parents with a letter which has details of our findings.

Overall, there is evidence of improvements to the school's work. Clackmannanshire Council have secured a permanent headteacher for Abercromby Primary School and Nursery Class. The headteacher has established very positive relationships with staff, children and parents. She has set out a clear direction for improvement. Senior leaders and staff are successfully taking forward projects to improve the school. The projects to strengthen the curriculum and improve attainment need more time to impact. The school needs a more strategic plan to detail how they will achieve consistency in learning and teaching.

**What happens next?**

We have asked Clackmannanshire Council to continue to work with the school. They should keep parents regularly informed of progress in improving the school. Within a year of the publication of this letter, we will ask Clackmannanshire Council for an update on the school's progress of further improvement. Based on the progress being made, we will at that point decide whether we will undertake another joint evaluation activity, or if we will ask Clackmannanshire Council to write a report to parents. This would detail the school's progress in meeting the action points outlined in this letter.

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HM Inspector

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