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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Hyndhead 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.

- Led by the newly appointed headteacher, staff have created a nurturing environment in which children and young people benefit from caring and positive relationships.
- Children and young people are enthusiastic and engage well in learning activities. Staff support them effectively to overcome any challenges they face in their learning.
- Children and young people use a range of communication approaches well and these are supporting them to make choices and share their views.

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

- The headteacher and staff should implement approaches that enable the whole school community to review the work of the school. These approaches should identify what is working well and areas for improvement.
- The headteacher and staff should develop a curriculum that reflects the needs and interests of children and young people. This work should involve partners in the local community to ensure learners benefit from a broad range of educational experiences.
- Staff should ensure that all young people develop skills for life beyond school to help them to move to appropriate placements. All young people and their parents and carers should be involved in bespoke planning to prepare for leaving school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Hyndhead School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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: [Find an inspection report | Education Scotland](#)

What happens next?

We will ask Fife Council for a report on progress with the agreed areas for improvement within one year of the publication of this letter. Taking account of the progress report, we will then decide whether further engagement with the school is required. Fife Council will write to you again detailing the improvements the school has made and outlining any further action that we intend to take, as agreed with Fife Council.

Monica Reilly
HM Inspector