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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Raigmore 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.

- There are positive relationships between children and staff in the nursery and school. The staff have a caring, nurturing approach which supports children to be happy and settled across the school.
- Children across the school are keen to learn. They welcome opportunities to engage in the life and work of the school.

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

- Senior leaders should improve the strategic leadership of the school and nursery. They need to review progress towards school improvement regularly throughout the year and keep track of how well changes led to improvement.
- All staff should work together to improve the quality and consistency of learning, teaching and assessment across the school and nursery. Teachers and practitioners should make sure learning activities are motivating, well matched to each child's needs and build on prior learning. In the nursery, staff should also improve the quality of the learning environment, both indoors and outdoors.
- Senior leaders should ensure all children with additional support needs have clear plans in place, that are reviewed and updated regularly. The role of class teachers should be strengthened in meeting all learners needs.
- All staff should have a clear focus on raising attainment of all children across the school and nursery. Senior leaders and staff across the school and nursery should use information on children's progress more effectively to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy.

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 Raigmore Primary School and Nursery Class.

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	weak
Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	weak
Raising attainment and achievement	weak
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	weak
Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	weak
Securing children's progress	weak
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: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and Review | Education Scotland](#)

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school and nursery need additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with The Highland Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with The Highland Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school, we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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HM Inspector