

5 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Oyne 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.

- The work of the headteacher and staff to establish a caring ethos where all children are valued and included. Children experience warm and supportive relationships with adults across the school.
- The links children have with their local community. Children develop skills through their involvement in local projects and events.

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

- Improve approaches to learning, teaching and assessment across the curriculum to ensure all children experience learning that builds on what they already know.
- Improve approaches to planning learning and teaching for literacy and numeracy.
- Raise attainment in literacy and English and numeracy and mathematics.

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 Oyne Primary School

| Quality indicators | Evaluation |
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| Learning, teaching and assessment | 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 | |

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 needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with Aberdeenshire 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 Aberdeenshire 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.

Marion Carlton
HM Inspector