

27 August 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Fyvie 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.

- The polite, friendly children in the school and nursery who have a positive attitude to learning and are motivated to develop their knowledge and skills.
- The effective teamwork of staff across the school and nursery. They work well together to develop positive relationships with children and create a calm, nurturing learning environment.
- The inclusive and welcoming ethos of the nursery which supports children to be happy and confident in their learning and play. As a result of practitioners offering purposeful and enjoyable experiences, children are making good progress across their learning.

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

- Improve approaches to monitoring and evaluating the work of the school and nursery. In doing so, senior leaders should involve staff in leading and reviewing changes to improve children's experiences.
- Improve the quality of learning, teaching and assessment across the school, ensuring all children's learning activities are of a consistently high quality.
- Continue to improve approaches to meeting the needs of all children in the school, including those who require additional support for learning.
- Raise attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Fyvie School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

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

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

[Fyvie School | Inspection Report | 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.

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HM Inspector