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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Findochty 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 warm, welcoming and nurturing ethos children learn in. Staff demonstrate care and support for all children and ensure everyone is fully included in the life of the school. As a result, children feel safe and secure with a strong sense of belonging. They behave well and engage positively in their learning.
- The enthusiastic and hardworking staff team. They work well together to support children to talk about and understand their emotions. As a result, they support children's wellbeing outcomes effectively.
- Staff's approaches to improving children's enthusiasm for reading. All staff have supported children in a variety of ways to develop a love of reading. This is improving children's attainment in reading.

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

- With support from the local authority, improve approaches to gathering accurate information that identifies clearly progress and next steps in whole school improvement. In addition, staff should ensure they identify an achievable number of school improvement priorities.
- Improve approaches to learning, teaching and assessment to ensure a consistently high quality of experience for all children across the school. In particular, staff need to plan learning that is appropriately progressive across all areas of the curriculum and meets the needs of all children.
- Develop further the school's new processes to track more effectively the progress of children across all areas of the curriculum.

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 Findochty Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
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:
[Findochty Primary School | Inspection Report | Education Scotland](#)

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Moray Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Judith Reid
 HM Inspector