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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Letham Primary School and Pre-School 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.

- Happy, well-mannered, articulate children who are proud of their school and nursery. They demonstrate kindness and are supportive to their peers.
- The respectful relationships between children and adults. This is promoted by the headteacher and supported by the depute headteachers and senior early years practitioner. Children know that all staff care for them and work to help them achieve their best.
- The good progress children make in their literacy and numeracy learning across the establishment.
- In the pre-school class, practitioners use observations effectively to show the progress children make in their learning.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from Angus Council

- Across the school, senior leaders and staff should develop consistently high-quality approaches to learning and teaching. These should include opportunities for children to take increasing responsibility in leading learning and thinking for themselves.
- Teachers should use information gathered through assessment to plan and provide a broad range of meaningful activities and experiences across all curricular areas. These should be set at appropriate levels of challenge for all children.
- Senior leaders should support staff across the establishment to continue to develop a shared understanding of children's progress and achievement of a level across Curriculum for Excellence.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Letham Primary School and Pre-School Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</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>Learning, teaching and assessment</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:

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### 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. Angus Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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