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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Auchterellon 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.

- The headteacher's and senior leaders' strong, clear vision and direction for continuous improvement. This is resulting in positive, sustained levels of attainment for children across the school and nursery.
- The very positive relationships across the school community and the nursery class. This has created supportive learning environments which are helping children to make good progress in their learning.
- The friendly, articulate children who are eager to learn and be challenged in their learning.

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

- Continue to develop consistent, high-quality approaches to learning and teaching across all stages of the school and nursery class.
- Continue to embed recently developed approaches to monitoring children's progress across the school and nursery class.
- Senior leaders should continue to create regular opportunities for teachers to collaborate with their peers beyond the school community. This will help to develop further their capacity to make important decisions around children's attainment and progress, against national standards and expectations.

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 Auchterellon Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</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: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and Review | 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. Aberdeenshire 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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HM Inspector