

31 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Pitteuchar East Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Pitteuchar East Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Staff have established positive and caring relationships across the whole school community that support the wellbeing of children and families. Senior leaders and staff understand the challenges faced by the community as a result of the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis.
- The headteacher and staff have established strong partnerships. These have helped to improve children's wellbeing, develop creativity in the curriculum and support professional learning.
- Staff make effective use of digital technology and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to support children's learning experiences.

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

- Senior leaders and staff should work together to improve more quickly outcomes for children. They should embed the vision, values and aims of the school through improvement activities. Senior leaders should engage stakeholders more effectively in this work.
- Senior leaders and staff should review approaches to planning, teaching and assessment of children's learning. They need to ensure that all children have their needs met and make the best possible progress in learning.
- Senior leaders and staff should develop and improve record keeping and planning for all children, including those who require additional support with their learning.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</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>	

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 will ask Fife Council for a report on progress with the agreed areas for improvement within one year of the publication of this letter. Taking account of the progress report, we will then decide whether further engagement with the school is required. This may involve another inspection visit. Education Scotland will write to you again detailing the improvements the school has made and outlining any further action that we intend to take, as agreed with Fife Council.

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HM Inspector