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Dear Parent/Carer

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

- Children across the school are confident, able and articulate. They are well behaved, keen to learn and proud of their school.
- The school's vision, values and aims are embedded and well understood by children, staff and the wider school community. As a result, all children and staff demonstrate the values in their interactions with each other.
- Senior leaders have developed a strong approach to partnership working. This is extending children's learning, supporting their wellbeing and developing their skills for learning, life and work.
- Teachers' use of questioning is helping children to explain their thinking and make meaningful contributions to class and group discussions.

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

- With the support of the senior leadership team, teachers should continue to improve the quality of learning, teaching, and assessment. Teachers should better meet the learning needs of children through careful planning and the right support in class.
- Senior leaders should involve staff in discussing and analysing a wider range of data. This should support staff to evaluate more accurately the progress children are making and increase the pace of change.

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 Bishopmill Primary School

| Quality indicators | Evaluation |
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| Leadership of change | good |
| Learning, teaching and assessment | good |
| Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion | good |
| Raising attainment and achievement | good |
| 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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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.

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