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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Reay 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 are happy, engaged and highly enthusiastic about their learning. They enjoy working collaboratively and developing their leadership skills in meaningful ways. They are very proud of their school.
- Highly nurturing and positive relationships between all staff and children. Modelled by headteacher, all staff work very well together to create a warm, inclusive ethos. Children encourage one another and show kindness. They are thriving in a school where they are cared for very well.
- Varied and interesting contexts for learning. Staff and community partners work very well together to engage children in meaningful experiences and activities. These support children to develop important knowledge and skills.
- High levels of personal and school achievement. Children experience success and achieve across a broad range of well-planned experiences.

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

- Staff should continue to develop how they use evidence from assessments to inform their planning. This will help to support further children's progress in learning.
- The headteacher and staff should measure more rigorously how targetted interventions and changes to teaching and learning impact on outcomes for children. This should support staff to select the most effective priorities and actions to raise attainment further.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Reay Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very 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:

[Reay 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. The Highland 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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