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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Noss 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.

- In the nursery and school, children are polite, friendly and eager to learn.
- The caring and supportive relationships between adults and children in the school and nursery.
- The teamwork of all staff and practitioners is improving the work of the school and nursery.
- The supportive way in which practitioners work with children in the nursery and help their development.

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

- Across the school, develop high quality learning and teaching, which provides all children with work of an appropriate level of challenge.
- Develop further how staff in the school and nursery practitioners assess children's progress and use the information more effectively to plan children's learning.
- Continue to raise children's attainment in the school, particularly in literacy.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) 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 Noss Primary School and Nursery Class

| Quality indicators for the primary school | Evaluation |
|--|---------------------|
| Learning, teaching and assessment | satisfactory |
| Raising attainment and achievement | satisfactory |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale | |

| Quality indicators for the nursery class | Evaluation |
|--|-------------|
| Learning, teaching and assessment | good |
| Securing children's progress | good |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale | |

Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

| Care Inspectorate standards | Grade |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Quality of care and support | very good |
| Quality of environment | very good |

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and three recommendations. From these, three recommendations have been met. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

This letter and a more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=3890>

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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