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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Cleish 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.

- The leadership of the headteacher in creating a very positive and inclusive school ethos. She effectively leads the school, supported by teaching and support staff, in improving children's learning experiences, achievements and attainment.
- Children who are very articulate, well-mannered, motivated to learn and eager to take on leadership roles and responsibilities. They are very proud of their school 'family'.
- Staff teamwork and engagement in professional learning, which ensures that the needs of all children are being met appropriately.
- Effective partnership working with parents and the wider community, which enhances the curriculum.

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

- As planned, review the school's' curriculum rationale and learning pathways, taking all curricular areas into account. This should include the planned development of digital literacies, outdoor learning and skills for learning, life and work.
- Continue to develop opportunities for children to exercise choice and assume greater responsibility for and independence in leading their own learning.
- Continue to develop approaches to moderation and assessment to ensure that staff have a shared understanding of standards across all curricular areas.

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 Cleish Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/perth-and-kinross/5342228>

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. Perth and Kinross Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Lorraine Fisher
HM Inspector