

29 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Tippetty 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 positive relationships between all staff and their effective teamwork.
- The approach taken by the headteacher and staff to use the impact of the pandemic as a positive stimulus to make more effective use of indoor and outdoor spaces to enhance children's learning experiences.
- Older children's approaches to digital technologies.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to monitoring children's progress, including achievements, to ensure appropriate pace and challenge across all areas of learning.
- Continue to develop teachers' understanding of progression through Curriculum for Excellence levels to ensure robust evaluations of children's attainment.
- Improve further approaches used to support children to become more independent in their learning.

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 Tippetry School

Quality indicators	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	

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

Sue Williams
HM Inspector