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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Methven 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 work of the nursery class and primary classes.

- Staff teamwork and commitment, in the nursery and at the primary stages, to further improve children's learning experiences and attainment.
- The range of opportunities for personal achievement, which demonstrate clearly children's capacity to take on leadership roles and succeed in competitions.
- High quality professional practice in the nursery, particularly practitioners' skills in leading, supporting and assessing children's progress.
- The impact of the headteacher's skilled, perceptive focus on priorities most relevant to meeting children's needs, achieved in her short time in the school.

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

- Continue to enrich children's learning experiences and attainment, through further improvements in learning, teaching and assessment.
- Further enhance staff's professional skills through sharing good practice between the nursery and primary classes, and across the primary stages
- Continue to extend the influence of 'the Methven PROMISE' to impact on the overall climate of achievement in the school.

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 Methven 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	very good
Securing children's progress	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: 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/5345928>

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.

Bill Geddes
HM Inspector