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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kinloch Rannoch 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.

- The well-directed and effective leadership of the headteacher. She has a nurturing and aspirational vision for all children across the school and nursery.
- The strong sense of teamwork and positive relationships across the school and nursery community.
- The importance given to emotional wellbeing across the school and nursery. This work is supporting children to understand and talk about their feelings and emotions.
- Practitioners in the nursery offer high-quality learning experiences for children. They actively seek and act upon children's views and interests to develop and plan for relevant and meaningful learning. These ensure children are highly motivated and engaged. As a result, children in the nursery make very good progress in their learning.

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

- Teachers should continue to improve learning, teaching and assessment. They should ensure children experience well-paced learning experiences that are matched carefully to their needs.
- Staff should improve approaches to develop children's understanding and appreciation of equality and diversity. This should support all children understand and value what makes us different.
- The headteacher should continue to support staff to develop confidence in making accurate professional judgements about children's progress and attainment. Teachers need to understand better where children are in their learning and what they need to do to improve and raise attainment.
- Practitioners and teachers should work more effectively across early level to further develop play-based approaches to learning. This should ensure greater continuity across the nursery and school.

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

| Quality indicators for the primary stages  | Evaluation          |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>Leadership of change</b>  | <b>good</b>         |
| <b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>   | <b>satisfactory</b> |
| <b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>  | <b>satisfactory</b> |
| <b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>  | <b>satisfactory</b> |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a> |                     |

| Quality indicators for the nursery class   | Evaluation       |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Leadership of change</b>  | <b>good</b>      |
| <b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>   | <b>very good</b> |
| <b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>  | <b>good</b>      |
| <b>Securing children's progress</b>  | <b>very good</b> |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a> |                  |

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:  
[Kinloch Rannoch Primary | 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. 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.

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