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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Crudie 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.

- Confident, polite and respectful children, who are proud of their school community and their many achievements. Children are skilled in many aspects of digital literacy, through which they confidently share their learning.
- Leadership of the headteacher and the whole staff team, who work very well together and know children and families extremely well. They aim to offer the best for learners.
- Commendably, children achieve success through the wide range of opportunities offered and also through working closely with parents and partners. This all supports Crudie School to be outward looking.

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

- The school should continue to take forward plans to raise standards of attainment in literacy and numeracy, including through staff having higher expectations of standards, in order for children to achieve their potential.
- As planned, staff should continue to develop further high quality learning experiences, linking and applying skills for learning, life and work. Within this, children would benefit from taking further responsibility for leading 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 Crudie School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	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/aberdeenshire/5216222>

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.

Sally Stewart
HM Inspector