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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bualnaluib Primary School and Aultbea Nursery. 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.

- Children who are very confident, articulate and respectful to each other and adults. They are eager to learn and are very proud of their school and nursery.
- The leadership of the headteacher in creating a very positive and inclusive ethos across the school and nursery. She effectively leads school improvement, supported by teaching and support staff, to improve children's learning experiences and outcomes.
- Effective teamwork across the school and nursery which ensures that the needs of all learners are met appropriately.
- The strong partnership working with parents and partners in the local community to enhance children's learning experiences across the curriculum.
- A curriculum which is relevant and stimulating. It motivates and engages the children to be successful learners, effective contributors, responsible citizens and confident individuals.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to planning in the nursery, which will fully involve children and respond to their interests.
- Continue to maintain high levels of attainment, whilst developing tracking of achievement linking this information to skills for learning, life and work.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Bualnaluib Primary School and Aultbea Nursery

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
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
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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/highland/5113725>

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. The Highland 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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