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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Rum 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 and nursery's work.

- The inspiring leadership of the headteacher. She has transformed the learning experiences for the children of Rum, supported strongly by the staff team. Her thorough approach and wide-ranging skills ensure that all children can achieve their potential.
- The warm, nurturing and supportive ethos. Staff use highly effective approaches to meet the wellbeing and learning needs of children. All staff and children are respectful and kind to one another. This creates a family feel across the nursery and school, where children thrive.
- The rich and exciting learning experiences that make the most of the unique rural island setting. Children are very knowledgeable about the geography, history and environmental importance of their island. They are proud 'guardians of Rum'.
- Curious, creative and responsible children who are highly engaged in their learning. They have risen to the challenge of embracing new ways of learning and teaching. They actively lead their own learning, play a key role in improving their school and contribute significantly to island life.

The following area for improvement was discussed with the headteacher and a representative from The Highland Council.

- Continue to provide high quality, enriching and motivational learning experiences that will prepare children well for the future.

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 Rum Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	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
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: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and Review | 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. 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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