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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Alves Primary 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.

- Children are leaders of their own learning. They are welcoming and responsible and show care and compassion for each other. They engage enthusiastically with the wide range of high-quality learning experiences on offer in Alves Primary School.
- The headteacher's leadership of learning and his enthusiasm to ensure all children achieve, drive the school's ongoing improvement journey. This has a positive impact on children's outcomes.
- Staff's teamwork results in an effective and supportive learning environment where children achieve and attain. Staff are dedicated to research-informed practice and their ongoing reflection leads to very effective learning, teaching and assessment.
- Children's experiences and outcomes are enriched and improved through strong partnerships and links with the local community. Children develop a strong sense of belonging and make valuable contributions to their local area.

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

- In order to maintain high standards, senior leaders and staff should continue to review and adapt curricular pathways in line with national expectations.
- As planned, continue to involve further all parents in the school's improvement planning process.

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

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

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=1394>

### 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. Moray Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Susan Smith  
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