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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Dunbeg Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Dunbeg Nursery Class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Children who are confident, highly articulate and respectful. Creative approaches to learning help children develop passion and knowledge about the importance of sustainability within their school and wider community.
- The welcoming inclusive ethos created by the headteacher and ably supported by all staff. Staff have developed a very positive learning environment, where children experience high quality learning and teaching.
- The flexible and responsive approaches to planning the learning of individual children that take account of their different strengths and needs.
- Engaging and highly effective approaches to writing and numeracy and mathematics. These are supporting improvements in children's attainment in literacy and numeracy.

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

- Staff should continue to improve how they give feedback to children about their learning to ensure they understand better their own strengths and what they need to do to keep improving.
- Staff should continue to support children's understanding of the skills they are developing in their learning, both in class and in their wider experiences.

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 Dunbeg Primary School

Quality indicators	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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:
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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. Argyll and Bute 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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 HM Inspector