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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Banavie 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 work.

- Happy, enthusiastic and confident children who enjoy learning in nursery and school. They show respect, empathy and kindness as they learn and play together across the different age ranges. They are very proud of each other's successes and achievements.
- The warm, welcoming family ethos in the nursery and school. Senior leaders and staff ensure that all children are known well as individuals. As a result, all children are supported, nurtured and encouraged to succeed.
- The strong support of the Parent Council, families and the wider community. Children benefit from these positive partnerships.
- Senior leaders' use of assessment information to ensure that staff are taking the right steps to provide equity for children who are disadvantaged.

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

- Continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy, ensuring that all children across the nursery and school are challenged to make the best possible progress.
- Continue to develop high quality learning and teaching approaches in the nursery and primary classes, including through richly resourced play and outdoor experiences.

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 Banavie Primary School

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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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