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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Edinbane 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.

- The caring and inclusive ethos. All staff and children are respectful and kind to one another. This creates a family feel across the school, where children are valued and nurtured.
- Happy, supportive and responsible children who are proud of their school. They enjoy working with others to explore new contexts for learning.
- The newly formed staff team. With the effective leadership of the headteacher, staff have a strong understanding of children and the school's context. They use assessment well to build an accurate picture of children's strengths and next steps in learning.

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

- Staff should ensure all children receive learning at the right level of difficulty across the curriculum.
- Staff should continue to embed planning and tracking processes to gather high-quality evidence that helps to build a reliable picture of children's progress over time.
- Working together, staff should improve children's learning experiences, particularly in writing, to help them make better progress. In doing so, staff should increase the opportunities children have to write across the curriculum.

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 Edinbane Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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: [Edinbane Primary School | Inspection Report | 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.

Gillian Frew
HM Inspector