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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Lochinver 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 headteacher provides effective leadership to the staff team. As a result of his clear vision for the development of the school, all staff share a focus to support children to achieve their full potential.
- There is a strong sense of collegiality amongst the staff team. Staff at all levels work together closely to provide a warm, welcoming and purposeful ethos for all.
- The polite, happy children who engage well in all aspects of school life. They are keen to learn and show respect and kindness to each other.
- The supportive way that school staff, partners and the wider community work together to enhance children's learning experiences.

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

- Children's learning should build on what they have learned before, in all areas of learning. Staff should follow their existing plans to refresh and update the curriculum.
- Teachers should continue to develop approaches to learning and teaching to ensure all children are challenged to make the best possible progress.
- As planned, teachers should work together to develop further a shared understanding of national expectations and standards across all areas of the curriculum.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Lochinver Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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	

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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