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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Lairg 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.

- The respectful and nurturing relationships between teachers, practitioners and children. This supports children to be confident and motivated learners.
- The range of learning environments in the nursery, both indoors and outside. This supports children to engage well in their learning. As a result they are developing their confidence and independence.
- The school's links with local partners which enrich children's learning.

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

- Increase teachers' and practitioners' expectations of what children can do. Planned learning should be developed further to provide children with appropriate levels of difficulty. This should support the school to continue to raise children's attainment.
- Children across the school should be provided with more opportunities to take greater ownership of their learning.
- Develop teachers' and practitioners' understanding and confidence in identifying and supporting children's progress across the early level.

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 Lairg Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=3329>

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.

Graeme Gordon
HM Inspector