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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Aberdour Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Centre (ELCC). During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the acting headteacher and staff.

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

- Children across the school and ELCC are articulate, polite, friendly and motivated to engage positively in their learning.
- The acting headteacher demonstrates effective leadership. She has quickly identified priorities for improvement which are already showing signs of positive impact on outcomes for children.
- Across the school and ELCC, all staff demonstrate high levels of professionalism. They embrace professional learning and collaborative working to improve outcomes for all children and families.
- Staff across the school and ELCC engage effectively with partners and their local community to enhance children's learning experiences. Children make valuable contributions to Aberdour which promote a sense of pride and achievement.

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

- Review and refresh the curriculum across the school and ELCC, to provide a clear progression of children's skills across all curricular areas.
- Continue to improve approaches to assessment and moderation across the school and ELCC to support all children to make the best progress possible.
- Continue to develop robust approaches to self-evaluation across the school and ELCC, ensuring all stakeholders contribute and engage fully.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Aberdour Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Centre

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

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=1329>

### 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. Fife 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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