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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Camdean 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 headteacher and staff know the children and their families well. They have developed positive relationships across the nursery and school community. They work well with a range of partners.
- The effectiveness of the staff team in supporting children's wellbeing and achievement.
- The wide range of family learning opportunities and activities to involve parents. These are strengthening school links and help to promote positive attitudes to learning for children and their families.

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

- Improve approaches to self-evaluation to ensure a clear focus on improving attainment for children. Staff should agree the school's key priorities for improvement.
- Ensure children experience consistently high quality learning and teaching and make appropriate progress across all areas of the curriculum.
- Review approaches to the planning and assessment of children's learning. This includes ensuring lessons and activities meet the needs of all learners.
- Improve children's attainment across the school. There should be a particular focus on improving children's writing.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Camdean Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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: <https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=1891>.

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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