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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bridgend Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Bridgend Primary School nursery class was inspected by the Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

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

- The positive relationships between staff and children underpinned by the school's vision, values and aims. This is helping to create a purposeful learning environment.
- The effective teamwork of teachers to improve approaches to the teaching of writing. This is helping to improve children's enthusiasm for and skills in writing.
- The effective approaches developed by the headteacher to check children's progress in learning. This is helping to identify and address children's learning needs.

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

- Develop consistently high-quality approaches to learning and teaching to ensure that learning is meeting the needs of all children.
- Review approaches to planning, ensuring children have opportunities to revisit and consolidate learning.
- Raise attainment in literacy and numeracy to ensure all children make the best possible progress.

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 Bridgend 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:

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and review](#) | [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.

Robyn McIlroy
HM Inspector