

28 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kennethmont 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.

- Happy, friendly children who are curious in their learning. They show an eagerness to support one another in class and are keen to engage with more challenging tasks and activities.
- Warm, positive relationships between children and staff across the school are helping children to gain confidence through their learning experiences. They are keen to participate in the wider life of the school and engage in activities which allow them to achieve beyond their classroom-based learning.

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

- Improve the progress and attainment of all children at all stages.
- Strengthen teachers' understanding and application of approaches to evaluating children's attainment and progress, against national expectations.
- Develop more consistent, engaging and challenging learning experiences for all children.

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 Kennethmont School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	weak
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?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with Aberdeenshire Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within 12 months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Aberdeenshire Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school, we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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HM Inspector