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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bun-Sgoil Chnoc na Creige - Craighill 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.

- Children across the school and nursery classes experience positive and caring relationships with adults and their peers. This supports the positive learning environment where children know they are valued. Children are polite, kind and eager to learn.
- The work undertaken by teachers and practitioners to improve children's literacy skills. This is impacting positively on the development of children's reading and writing in Gaelic and English.
- Children across the Sgoil-Àraich and classes for Gaelic Medium Education experience strong immersion experiences. They take part in a rich range of achievements through Gaelic, which is enhancing their specialist vocabulary.

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

- Continue to develop high quality learning and teaching across the Gaelic Medium and English Medium classes, Sgoil-Àraich and nursery class. Ensure there is a clear focus on providing all children with appropriate levels of challenge across the curriculum.
- Build on the approaches used across both Gaelic and English medium education to plan learning and check the progress children are making. Ensure children's next steps in learning are used to inform planning across the curriculum and support all children to make the best possible progress in their learning.
- Supported by the local authority, senior leaders should ensure all children in the Gaelic Medium classes learn through Gaelic all of the time.

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

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</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>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</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: [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.

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