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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Banchory Primary 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.

- Staff across the school work well together to ensure children learn in a positive, nurturing environment. As a result, children are polite, well-mannered and enjoy coming to school.
- The support for learning team are well organised and provide appropriate targeted support for children who need additional help with their learning.
- Working with a range of partners, staff provide children with a very good range of sporting activities which helps improve their skills and physical fitness.

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

- Teachers should continue to develop ways to provide consistent high-quality learning in all classes, including improving approaches to play. In doing this, they should focus on how well assessment of children's learning helps them plan effective learning for all groups of children.
- The leadership team and staff should continue to work together to raise the attainment of all children across the school.
- The headteacher should review approaches to planning for children who have flexible learning arrangements.

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 Banchory 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: [Banchory Primary School | Inspection Report | 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. Clackmannanshire 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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