

29 August 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Glaitness 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.

- Children who are polite, happy and eager to learn. They are keen to share their learning and contribute well to the wider community.
- Staff's successful approach to checking the progress of children across the school who require additional support with their learning. This is supporting children to make positive progress in their learning.
- Approaches to learning through play for the youngest children. This is supporting children to be independent learners.

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

- Improve the quality of learning and teaching across the school. Senior leaders and teachers should work together, as planned, to agree what high-quality learning and teaching looks like at Glaitness School.
- Teachers should plan learning and assessment more effectively. This will support them to raise children's attainment.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Glaitness School

| Quality indicators   | Evaluation          |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>   | <b>satisfactory</b> |
| <b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>  | <b>satisfactory</b> |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a> |                     |

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

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### 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. Orkney Islands Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Stuart Cathro  
HM Inspector