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Dear Parent/Carer

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

- The very warm and positive relationships between adults and children in Buchlyvie Primary School. These relationships help children to be happy, confident and independent learners.
- Teachers' approaches to planning children's learning across all curriculum areas. They take effective account of the multi-stage composite classes and ensure children's learning is meaningful and relevant for them.
- The high standards of attainment in literacy and numeracy. The headteacher and all staff carefully review children's progress to identify where children need further help and put effective support in place timeously.

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

- Continue to embed and develop consistent approaches to learning, teaching and assessment across the school.
- As planned, continue to implement approaches to raise attainment for all children across all curricular areas.

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 Buchlyvie Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
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. Stirling Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Helen Mulholland
HM Inspector