

5 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Cults 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.

- Articulate and confident children who are very proud of their school. They are enthusiastic, motivated and engage well in learning. They are kind and respectful to each other and adults.
- Staff who play an important role in the life of the school. Working very well together, they create a warm, calm, nurturing environment where children are encouraged to work hard and achieve.
- The school community's commitment to developing the use of digital technology to support learning and teaching. Children across the school use a range of tools and platforms confidently to enhance their learning across the curriculum, and to develop their digital skills.

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

- Senior leaders and staff should continue to develop high-quality approaches to learning and teaching and ensure these are used consistently across the school. This includes ensuring children have regular opportunities to lead their own learning across the curriculum.
- Across the school, teachers should plan learning which is open-ended and provides children with more challenge. This will help children make the best possible progress.
- Senior leaders and staff, as planned, should continue to develop systems to demonstrate children's progress in learning over time across all areas of the curriculum.

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 Cults Primary School

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

Victoria Morgan
HM Inspector