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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Borrowfield 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.

- The effective teamwork of all staff across the school and nursery. Led well by the headteacher, they are developing consistent approaches to learning and teaching which result in rich and varied experiences for children.
- The impact of 'The Borrowfield Way' in the school and nursery in promoting nurturing, respectful relationships between staff, children and their peers, families and partners. This is supporting children well to become resilient learners who embrace challenge.
- The well-judged and creative use of indoor and outdoor spaces across the school and nursery. This provides an inclusive learning environment where all children are happy to learn and making good progress.
- The school's highly-effective partnership working with a range of organisations and agencies to develop flexible approaches to learning. This is having a positive impact on children's attendance, wellbeing, motivation and engagement in learning.

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

- Across the school and nursery, continue to develop high quality learning, teaching and assessment. This should include increased opportunities for children to apply their learning to real-life contexts.
- Continue to develop teachers' confidence and accuracy in their shared understanding of national standards.

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 Borrowfield 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:

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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. Angus 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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