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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Townhill 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 strong, effective leadership of the headteacher and depute headteacher in empowering all staff across the nursery and school to lead, resulting in improved attainment and achievement for all children.
- Happy, confident, articulate children across the nursery and primary who are very proud of their school and share their learning enthusiastically.
- The strong focus on Developing the Young Workforce embedded across the nursery and school resulting in the progressive development of children's skills for learning, life and work.
- The effective staff team across the nursery and school, who are confident and proud to be part of the Townhill Primary School community. Their approach to professional learning is driven by a relentless focus on high aspirations and achieving the best outcomes for all children.
- The highly effective approaches to assessment, moderation, tracking and monitoring in order to improve attainment in literacy and numeracy whilst ensuring equity for all.

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

- Continue to develop children's understanding of themselves as learners, supporting them to set clear, individualised and measurable targets for themselves across the curriculum.
- Continue to develop approaches to tracking and monitoring across all areas of the curriculum with an initial focus on health and wellbeing.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) 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 Townhill Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	excellent
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Securing children's progress	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

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

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/fife/5443024>

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

Susan Smith
HM Inspector