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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited North Bute 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.

- Children are polite and happy. They are proud of their school and have a positive attitude to learning.
- Staff support children to feel welcomed, cared for and safe in school. Children experience respectful and nurturing relationships.
- Staff work effectively with their partners to support children's learning across a range of contexts. Children learn in a variety of environments in the local area.

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

- Improve the planning of learning and teaching so that all children have consistently high-quality learning experiences, which are set at the right level of difficulty for them.
- Improve children's progress and attainment across the curriculum, including a clear focus on developing writing skills.
- Develop staff's skills in using assessment information to measure the progress children make over time. Staff should monitor closely the impact of interventions they put in place to close gaps in children's learning.

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 North Bute Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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:

[North Bute Primary School | Inspection Report | 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. Argyll and Bute Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Simon Gallon
HM Inspector