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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Caol 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.

- Strong, nurturing relationships which lead to children who are proud of their school, happy, secure and ready to learn.
- Highly effective senior leaders who are very well regarded by staff, children and parents. As a result of this highly effective leadership, there is an inclusive environment and an empowered culture at 'Team Caol' where staff professional engagement and collegiate learning is strong.
- Effective partnership working which leads to improved achievements across the curriculum.
- Digital technologies which are motivating and enhancing children's learning effectively across the curriculum.

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

- Continue to develop high quality learning experiences across the nursery and primary stages.
- Continue to improve children's progress and raise attainment across the nursery and primary stages.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Caol Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
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
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=1910>

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

James P McCrory
HM Inspector