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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Murroes 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.

- Children across the school and nursery are enthusiastic and reflective learners. They are well motivated, engaged in their learning and able to confidently share what they have achieved so far and identify their next steps.
- The collaborative teamwork of staff across the school and nursery. Under the strong leadership of the headteacher, teachers and support staff work very effectively together to design highly effective learning experiences for children. These experiences meet their needs and help them to achieve and attain.
- The continuous improvement in children's attainment over time. This has been enabled through greater involvement of children in the learning process and by each child being known well.

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

- Continue with plans to track and monitor health and wellbeing and other areas of the curriculum more formally across the nursery and the school.

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 Murroes Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	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
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/angus/5320828>

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.

Ken McAra
HM Inspector