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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Fintry Primary School and Early Years Centre. 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 very calm and highly inclusive ethos, underpinned by positive relationships, in the school and early years centre. This helps children to feel safe and to engage well in their learning.
- Polite, well behaved, articulate children in the school and early years centre. They are developing their social skills, and are caring towards others and accepting of differences.
- Led effectively by the headteacher and senior leaders, the positive approaches to staff's professional learning in the school and early years centre. This is helping staff at all levels to reflect on their practice and improve children's experiences and outcomes.
- The strong approaches to equity in the school and early years centre. All staff know the children and their families very well and work effectively with parents and partners. This ensures that almost all children from disadvantaged backgrounds attain and achieve well.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from Dundee City Council.

- Continue to develop approaches to assessment and evidencing children's progress. This will support all teachers and practitioners to plan consistently high-quality learning experiences for children in the school and early years centre.
- Develop approaches to outdoor learning in the early years centre.
- Improve children's attainment in writing and numeracy across the school and early years centre.

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 Fintry Primary School and Early Years Centre

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

Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	very good
Quality of staffing	good

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and no recommendations. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and recommendations.

This letter and 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=2586>

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. Dundee City 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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