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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Lumphanan 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.

- Senior leaders and all staff work very well together to provide a warm, nurturing and inclusive ethos. Children are happy, successful and thriving.
- Teachers share best practice to ensure all children benefit from exciting and high-quality learning and play. Children are motivated and engaged. They make the most of their learning experiences and support each other very well.
- Children have a strong understanding of their own learning and a genuine say in how to improve their school. They demonstrate strong leadership abilities and are developing important skills for learning, life and work.
- The standards of children's attainment in literacy are consistently high. Children apply their skills and knowledge very successfully to a wide range of contexts across their school experiences.

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

- Staff should continue to take forward their school improvement plan, including introducing new approaches and resources for teaching numeracy.

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 Lumphanan School

Quality indicators	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	

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

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and review](#) | [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. Aberdeenshire 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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HM Inspector