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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Portree 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.

- Confident, happy children who are friendly, polite and keen to learn. They are proud of their school and benefit from very positive relationships with staff.
- Senior leaders who enthusiastically demonstrate collaborative leadership. They work well with staff, partners and families to build a supportive learning environment.
- Teachers and support staff who work effectively as a team. Together they have created nurturing and caring environments for children to learn in.
- The wide range of effective partnerships with local community groups. Staff continually seek new and creative partnerships to support children to increase their confidence, resilience and skills for learning life and work.

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

- Staff should increase pace and challenge in learning to raise attainment in literacy and English and numeracy and mathematics.
- Staff should continue to develop their understanding of national standards and approaches to tracking to show how much and how well children are progressing. This will lead to more accurate gathering of information about children's attainment over time.
- Senior leaders should continue to increase opportunities for children and staff to lead and contribute to support improvements further.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Portree Primary School.

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
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: [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. 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.

Judith Reid
HM Inspector