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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kirkmichael 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.

- Staff and children who take account of children's rights in all that they say and do. Children are polite and articulate and show kindness and respect to each other and to adults. This results in a warm, welcoming ethos across the school community.
- Children who are highly motivated and engage well in the range of learning activities which take good account of the local context of the school. This is helping children to make good progress in literacy and numeracy.
- A whole staff team who are committed to helping all children to achieve the best possible outcomes. Teachers and support staff work very well together to plan and deliver learning which meets the needs of children who require support.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to learning, teaching and assessment to ensure all children experience consistently high-quality learning. Teachers should ensure all children are fully challenged in their learning in order to continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- Further develop the tracking and monitoring of children's progress across all curriculum areas. Senior leaders and teachers should make better use of data to help them to identify strategies to close gaps in attainment between cohorts of children.

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 Kirkmichael Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Kirkmichael Primary School | Inspection Report | 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. Perth and Kinross 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