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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Westfield School and Westfield Community Resource Hub. 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's caring and nurturing relationships are helping to improve children and young people's wellbeing and supporting them to overcome any challenges they may have about their learning.
- Skilled practitioners who provide engaging indoors and outdoors learning experiences which support children's individual development, curiosity and problem solving.
- Children and young people who are motivated to learn and enthusiastically engage in most learning activities.
- The school's success in developing children and young people's skills for learning and readiness to take on new challenges is supporting a number of children and young people to move on successfully to mainstream nursery, school or a college placement.

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

- Teachers need to plan and deliver learning activities which provide sufficient challenge for all children and young people.
- Continue to develop further approaches which support children and young people to communicate more confidently and express themselves effectively.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Westfield School

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

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=5158>

### 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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