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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Elrick School and Nursery Class. 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.

- Positive, caring, nurturing relationships are a strength of the school and nursery. This underpins learning and teaching. As a result, children are happy, confident and eager to learn.
- Children's experiences are supported and enhanced through effective work with the community and partners.
- Senior leaders have promoted shared leadership across the school. As a result, staff, practitioners and children feel confident and motivated to initiate change. These changes lead to improvements in the work of the school.
- The quality of the nursery environment offers rich learning experiences for children to support them to develop skills across the curriculum.

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

- Senior leaders should continue to extend opportunities for children, staff and parents to plan, lead and review aspects of school improvement. It is important that staff are able to demonstrate fully that their actions are achieving the desired result.
- Staff across the school and nursery should improve approaches to the planning and tracking of learning, teaching and assessment for all children. This should support continued improvements in attainment at all stages, particularly in writing.
- Practitioners in the nursery should develop approaches to monitor the progress of children over time.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Elrick School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very 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>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</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:

[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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