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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Cullen Primary 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.

- The care and support children show for one another across the school and nursery. They interact very positively and respectfully during activities. Children are polite and highly motivated to learn.
- The teamwork of staff across the school and nursery, supported and led by the acting headteacher. There is a clear sense of an inclusive community which works together to make things the best they can be for all children.
- The high quality learning and teaching, particularly in approaches to numeracy. Children experience a culture of enjoyment, challenge and active participation. This is leading to increased attainment in numeracy and mathematics.

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

- Continue to develop systems which track the progress children are making in their learning throughout their time at Cullen Primary School, so that children make the best possible progress across all curriculum areas.
- Continue to develop approaches to planning and assessment within the nursery. Current systems for recording children's learning need to be streamlined to form a coherent picture of children's progress.
- Continue to ensure that all children have opportunities to participate in all aspects of school life.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) 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 Cullen Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very 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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	good
Quality of environment	very good
Quality of staffing	very good
Quality of management and leadership	good

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and no recommendations. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

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

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/moray/5206928> and the [Care Inspectorate website](#).

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 Moray 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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