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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Easdale Primary School and Pre-Five Unit. 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.

- Children who are kind and respectful to each other and to adults. They are proud of their school and nursery. In the school, children engage well in group working and enjoy learning about their rights and sustainability.
- A whole staff team who have a clear focus on achieving the best possible outcomes for children. They provide a range of learning experiences which are relevant to the context in which children live. This ensures almost all children make good progress in their learning.
- Children in the nursery who benefit from playing and learning with children in the school very regularly throughout the year. They settle quickly and happily when they move into P1. This is helping them to engage well in their learning and make good progress.

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

- Across the school and nursery, staff should develop further the planning of learning across all areas of the curriculum. This should help them to build on what children already know and can do to help them make the best possible progress in their learning.
- In the school, teachers should develop further a clear assessment strategy which includes regular, planned high-quality assessment. This should help them to identify how well children can use their skills and knowledge in new and relevant contexts.

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 Easdale Primary School and Pre-Five Unit

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

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	

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

[Easdale 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. Argyll and Bute 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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