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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Foyers 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.

- Positive relationships between teachers and children leads to a purposeful, inclusive learning climate characterised by mutual respect. It is noticeable that children are hardworking, courteous, well behaved and enjoy coming to school.
- The well-organised learning environment enhanced by the quality of teaching. Children experience direct teaching in appropriate groupings and there are regular check in's with groups of children as each lesson progresses. Teachers' use of skilled questioning is encouraging children to learn.
- Effective use of digital technology which is engaging and enhancing children's learning.

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

- Ensure that all assessment strategies provide the reliable evidence needed to report on children's progress and attainment.
- Raise attainment with a particular focus on numeracy and mathematics. The school needs to introduce more rigorous approaches to tracking over time to ensure children are making progress as they move through the school.

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 Foyers Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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: <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/highland/5139023>

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 Highland Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Elizabeth Paterson
HM Inspector