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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Duror 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.

- The welcoming ethos established across the school. Children are respectful towards each other and adults and demonstrate an eagerness to learn.
- Partners and parents involvement and enthusiasm to support the life and work of the school.
- Children's enjoyment of learning opportunities within the local community.

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

- Develop highly motivating and relevant learning experiences that are supported by a progressive curriculum.
- As a matter of urgency, plan appropriately challenging learning that meets the needs of all children. In doing so, tasks and activities should take account of what children already know and develops their independence in learning.
- Develop assessment approaches that ensure all children make very good progress in their learning. Information gathered about children's progress should be accurate, reliable and used by teachers to inform children's next steps.
- Raise attainment in literacy and numeracy for all children.

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 Duror Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
Raising attainment and achievement	unsatisfactory
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/5130522>

What happens next?

We will liaise with The Highland Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within 12 months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with The Highland Council the details of this inspection. Following our return to inspect the school, we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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HM Inspector