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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Hopeman 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 leadership of the acting headteacher in taking forward improvements to learning and teaching. This is providing children with more opportunities to be successful in their learning.
- Staff willingness to take forward new ways of working. This is helping children to experience greater depth and consistency in their learning which better meets their needs.
- The outdoor learning curriculum. Children develop resilience and confidence and embrace the many and varied opportunities they have to achieve in their local area.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to teaching literacy to raise attainment.
- As planned, develop a way of recording achievements which will support children to recognise the skills they are gaining across their experiences both inside and outside 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 Hopeman Primary School

Quality indicators	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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Hopeman Primary School | Inspection Report](#)

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

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HM Inspector