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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Crathie 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.

- Children who are very proud of their school. They are enthusiastic, motivated and engage well in learning. They work well together, support one another, and demonstrate the school values well. They feel happy, safe and included in decisions about school life.
- The headteacher and staff work together effectively to provide a caring, nurturing environment for children to learn in. They ensure the rights of the child are embedded within the life of the school. As a result, relationships across the school community are very positive.
- Children benefit from learning in a range of motivating learning spaces and through increasingly relevant contexts. This supports children well to understand how their learning in the classroom links to their life beyond school.

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

- Teachers should develop further their use of assessment to inform planning and ensure increased levels of challenge within learning. This should support all children to make appropriate progress with their learning.
- Continue to raise attainment across the curriculum, with a particular focus on writing.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Crathie Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

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

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### 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. Aberdeenshire 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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HM Inspector