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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Munloch 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 headteacher has developed strong relationships across the school community. He has an ambitious vision for the school which is leading to improvement.
- Teachers are beginning to use verbal feedback and questioning well to enhance and extend children's thinking and learning.
- There is strong collaborative working between staff in the school. They work effectively together to provide a nurturing and caring environment which supports all children well.

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

- As planned, the headteacher should involve all stakeholders in improvement activities using clear and measurable outcomes. This will support staff to evaluate more accurately the progress they are making and increase the pace of change.
- Teachers should continue to improve the quality of learning and teaching across the school. They should ensure children experience consistently high-quality learning and appropriate challenge across the curriculum.
- Teachers should continue to develop fully their understanding of national expectations and use reliable evidence to understand the progress children are making. This should support them to plan learning at the correct level of difficulty for all children leading to improved attainment.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Munloch Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</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: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and Review | 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. 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.

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