

10 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Moore House Academy, Butterstone. 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's leadership. Supported by senior managers at Moore House Group they have established a cohesive staff team in the school.
- The positive relationships between children and young people, and adults. Underpinned by the school's rural situation, children and young people learn in a caring and supportive environment.
- Staff's success in reengaging children and young people in their learning.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Moore House Group.

- Develop staff's confidence, and skills, in evaluating the work of the school. Staff should be afforded increased opportunities to undertake leadership roles in taking forward improvements at the school.
- Develop the school's approaches to how teachers assess what children can do. Children's and young people's learning should be tracked and monitored rigorously to ensure children and young people make the best possible progress.
- Continue to develop the curriculum so that children's and young people's learning is progressive and builds on what they already know.
- Continue to develop teachers' skills to support them to deliver consistently high-quality learning and teaching across the school.

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 Moore House Academy, Butterstone

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership and management of staff</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Curriculum</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=17723>

### What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with Moore House Group 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 Moore House Group the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

Graeme Gordon  
HM Inspector