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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Saline Primary School and Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents, carers and children and worked closely with the acting headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The leadership of the acting headteacher, who provides a clear vision for the school and manages the pace of change well. She makes effective use of a wide range of activities to reflect on practice and to inform future priorities for improvement.
- Happy, polite children in the school and nursery, who are enthusiastic about their learning. They enjoy being active in the classroom and outdoors in the wider community.
- Positive relationships across the school and nursery. This creates a welcoming, inclusive environment which supports children to engage well in their learning.
- Strong links with a wide range of partners which enhance children's learning experiences. This includes valuable opportunities for children to achieve and to be involved in decision making in the local community.

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

- Senior leaders and teachers should strengthen approaches to assessment. They should continue to develop their understanding of national standards and expectations, to continue to raise attainment in the school and nursery.
- Teachers should develop further learning pathways which allow children to make good progress in all areas of the curriculum.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) 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 Saline Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: 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/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4273>

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

Liz Angus
HM Inspector