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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Freuchie Primary School and Nursery Class. 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.

- Articulate, polite children who are keen to learn. They enjoy participating in extra-curricular activities and clubs.
- Strong ethos of teamwork across the school. Staff demonstrate a keenness to improve Freuchie Primary School and Nursery Class.
- Partnership working which enriches children's learning experiences.

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

- Improve the school's approaches to self-evaluation to ensure there is greater clarity about what the school is doing well and needs to improve. This should be used to inform and drive forward key improvement priorities.
- Develop the curriculum to meet national expectations. In doing so, steps should be taken to ensure that children build appropriately on their knowledge, skills and understanding as they move through the school.
- Raise attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school. Develop further the school's approaches to meeting the needs of children who may be experiencing barriers to learning.
- Improve approaches to safeguarding in the nursery class and school to ensure appropriate procedures and policies are adhered to.

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 Freuchie Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	weak
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	weak
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	satisfactory
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/inspection-reports/fife/5422728>

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 Fife Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within twelve months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Fife Council 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.

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HM Inspector