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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Hermitage 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.

- Staff approaches to professional learning. Led very effectively by senior leaders, staff work very well together to improve the quality of learning and teaching.
- Children, who are happy, kind and respectful. They are enthusiastic learners and are proud of their school. Children demonstrate the school values very well and enjoy learning in a range of contexts, including outdoors.
- The highly-effective approaches to extend and enhance children's learning experiences using digital technology. As children move through the school, they become increasingly skilled in using technology purposefully and effectively.
- Children's very good progress in their learning. They have a very wide range of opportunities in which to achieve and be successful.

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

- Continue to develop approaches for checking the progress of children across all curriculum areas.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Find an inspection report | 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. Argyll and Bute 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