

21 August 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Glassary 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.

- Happy and friendly children who are proud of their school.
- The positive and caring environment created by all staff enhanced by good relationships between staff and children.
- The headteacher has made a positive start in building relationships with the school and within the community.

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

- Review the curriculum structure to ensure appropriate breadth and balance of experiences. In doing this, develop progressive pathways and programmes for all curriculum areas to ensure children can build on their previous learning effectively as they go through the school.
- Develop approaches to self-evaluation based on a range of robust information and data. Use this to identify appropriate school priorities and implement change in a measured and well-paced way.
- Improve learning, teaching, assessment and approaches to moderation to raise attainment for all children.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the schools work using four 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 Glassary Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/argyll-and-bute/8103429>.

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 Argyll and Bute Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within a year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Argyll and Bute 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.

Carol Copstick
HM Inspector