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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Newport 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.

- Motivated, creative and articulate children, who respect each other and are very proud of their school and nursery. They have a genuine say in improving their learning and the life of the school.
- The highly effective leadership of the headteacher and principal teacher, and the high quality of leadership at all levels. The dedicated staff team work closely to ensure that all children feel included, valued and well cared for across the nursery and primary classes.
- The nurturing, welcoming ethos which is based on shared values and the school vision. Children at all stages are developing a secure sense of their own wellbeing.
- The strong support of parents, specialist teachers and community partners. These worthwhile partnerships help staff to meet children needs and to enrich and add value to their learning experiences.
- The successful approaches to teaching children about the skills they will need for life beyond school and the world of work. This is embedded in everyday practice and makes learning highly relevant and meaningful for children.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to assessment and moderation of children's attainment to ensure that higher achieving children across the nursery and school are challenged to make the best possible progress.
- Building on the strong practice in the nursery, continue to develop approaches to high-quality learning through play at the early stages of primary.
- Continue to share best practice in learning and teaching across the school and nursery staff team.

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 Newport Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Securing children's progress	good
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=3853>

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.

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HM Inspector