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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Mossbank Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare class (ELC). 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.

- The headteacher and senior practitioner provide effective leadership across the ELC and school. They have worked effectively with staff to ensure all children play and learn in a nurturing and inclusive ELC and school. Children feel valued, cared for and are proud to be part of the 'Mossbank family'.
- Children and families across the ELC and school benefit from strong partnership working. Effective partnership working is leading to improved outcomes for children and families.
- There is effective teamwork in the ELC. Practitioners work well together to identify and implement improvements. This is impacting positively on children's progress.

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

- Develop further approaches to monitoring and tracking children's progress and attainment. The headteacher and teachers should use tracking information effectively to ensure all children make the best possible progress in their learning.
- Develop approaches to planning learning across the curriculum. This should ensure all children experience learning at the right level of difficulty across 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? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Mossbank Primary School and Nursery Class

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

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

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