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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Edderton 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.

- Well behaved confident and caring children who enjoy being at school. They have strong, positive relationships which help them support each other in their learning and play within the multi-composite classes.
- All staff are committed to the school and willingly take on additional responsibility when the headteacher is off site. As a result parents and children feel they are listened to and that the school is a positive learning environment.
- Edderton Primary School is at the heart of the village of Edderton. The local community support children's learning well. For example, children worked with the local museum to create a website around the war memorial. Volunteers support children in the creation of the Goblin Car.

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

- Take steps to build on the strengths in learning and teaching to ensure a consistent approach to meeting all children's needs. In doing this provide children with appropriate pace and challenge in learning making maximum use of teaching time across the week.
- Ensure children have access to a broad and balanced range of experiences across the curriculum. These experiences should allow children to build on their previous learning as they move through the school. Staff should now ensure they enhance how they meet children's varied needs across the multi-composite classes.
- Continue to develop approaches to monitoring and tracking the work of the school to ensure a clear focus on raising attainment.
- We ask the local education authority to take steps to support the leadership of the school in taking forward the improvement agenda.

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 Edderton Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	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 (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/highland/5114829>

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. The Highland 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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