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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Halyrude 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.

- Friendly, articulate children who are proud of their school and participate very well in learning.
- Effective teamwork of all staff and very positive relationships between adults and children across the school. Staff have developed calm, purposeful learning environments that support children well.
- Effective approaches to digital technology to support learning and teaching and share learning with parents.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to planning of learning and teaching to ensure tasks and activities are appropriately matched to all children's level of ability.
- Continue to raise children's attainment. This should include teachers continuing to work together to develop further their shared understanding of national standards.

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 Halyrude Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	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. Scottish Borders Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Robyn McIlroy
HM Inspector