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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kinlochbervie 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.

- The positive relationships and caring ethos across the school.
- The developing collaborative partnership working across the Kinlochbervie 3-18 Associated Schools Group, and the innovative 'Window on Wednesday' approach being taken to support this.
- The development of the science and technology curriculum, and the effective use of partners to enhance its delivery.

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

- Improve the strategic leadership of continuous improvement and ensure staff, parents, children and partners are fully involved in the work of Kinlochbervie Primary School.
- Improve planning, assessment, tracking and monitoring to ensure there are clear processes in place which are used effectively by all staff.
- Develop high quality learning and teaching across the school to support improved progress and attainment for all children.
- Work with all stakeholders to develop a shared understanding of the school's approach to promoting positive behaviour.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, education 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 evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Kinlochbervie Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	weak
Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
Raising attainment and achievement	weak
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/highland/5108322>.

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 The Highland Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within 12 months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with The Highland 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.

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