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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Glenurquhart 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.

- Confident and articulate children who are proud of their school and the contribution they make to the local community. They display motivation and resilience in their attitude to learning and reflect thoughtfully about their own strengths and where they can improve still further.
- Staff who deliver engaging high-quality learning and teaching across classes. There is a strong focus on the development of key skills for learning, life and work that will help children to be successful in the future.
- The very effective leadership of the headteacher in monitoring how well learners are attaining. She works closely with teachers to support all children to make very good progress in their learning and receive any additional support they may require.

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

- Building on current practice, continue to develop ways to check children's progress in the nursery. This will support practitioners in their ongoing recording of children's understanding of Gaelic and their use of Gaelic when talking with others.
- Continue to focus on improving writing across the school at the primary stages.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Glenurquhart Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Securing children's progress	very 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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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. 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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