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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Craigie 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.

- The school's shared values and supportive learning environment. This helps to create an inclusive and caring ethos in the school and nursery where children are valued and supported in their learning and wellbeing. Staff have positive and caring relationships with children. Children are kind and respectful to each other.
- The effective teamwork amongst the staff in the school and nursery. All staff are keen to develop their skills and improve the learning experiences and outcomes for children.
- The effective use of data by senior leaders and staff. They use assessment information to identify and plan the correct support for children who require extra help. This is helping all children to make progress and achieve success.
- The high-quality experiences for children in the nursery class. They thrive in the exciting and stimulating nursery spaces. Practitioners work hard to ensure that all children in the nursery make the best possible progress in the learning.

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

- Continue to develop high-quality learning and teaching more consistently across the school. Ensure that learning activities are challenging enough and well matched to the needs of all children.
- Provide children with more opportunities to lead their own learning. Continue to help children to identify and talk about the skills they are developing through the range of experiences they take part in.
- Continue to build on the good progress the school has made to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy.

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 Craigie Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

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. Perth and Kinross Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Simon Gallon
HM Inspector