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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Auchtergaven 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.

- Across the school and nursery children are friendly and enthusiastic and proud of their achievements. They benefit from the very positive relationships and the caring approach of all staff.
- The whole school community collaborate very well to foster a love of reading. Staff, children and families enjoy sharing books and participating in reading challenges. Children play an important role in leading this area of school improvement.
- Staff, at the early level, provide high-quality play experiences that encourage children to explore, discover and be creative. This is supporting children to make good progress in their learning.

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

- Senior leaders and staff should develop consistently high-quality approaches to learning and teaching. This should include increased opportunities for children to lead their own learning.
- Staff should improve how they demonstrate children's progress in their learning. It will be helpful to have clearer measurable targets to check that approaches and interventions are leading to improvements for children who require additional support.
- Senior leaders should support staff to continue to develop a shared understanding of achievement of a level across curriculum for excellence. Staff should continue to raise attainment across the curriculum, with a particular focus on talking and listening, writing 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 Auchtergaven Primary School

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
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.

Gillian Whitford
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