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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Braco Primary School and Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the acting headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The acting headteacher, staff, nursery practitioners and children work well together across the nursery and primary classes to create a productive and welcoming learning environment. Children have positive learning experiences and are friendly, polite, and enthusiastic to learn.
- Together with nursery practitioners and school staff, the acting headteacher has established engaging and effective working relationships with the local community and partners, which enhance children's learning experiences.
- Young children in the nursery have high-quality learning experiences. Nursery practitioners deliver interesting and interacting experiences which ensure children progress in their learning.

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

- Continue to engage children and staff across the primary stages in developing consistent, high-quality approaches to learning and teaching. Staff should provide more opportunities for children to lead their own learning, evaluate their own progress and identify next steps in learning.
- Continue to improve children's attainment and achievement further across the primary classes. This should include the effective use and understanding of assessment, and monitoring and tracking of children's wider achievements and progress across all curriculum areas.
- Maintain children's progress and achievement in the nursery.

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 Braco 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	

Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	very good
Quality of management and leadership	good

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and no recommendations. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

This letter and a more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=1710>

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.

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