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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Fair Isle 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.

- Across the school, staff have created a caring, inclusive learning environment where positive relationships are central to school life. Children demonstrate pride in their school, a strong sense of belonging and are developing leadership skills while achieving well across a range of areas.
- Senior leaders and staff have developed effective partnerships with the local community which are helping to improve children's learning experiences and wellbeing.
- Teachers' collaborative approaches are improving the quality and consistency of learning and teaching. They consistently provide children with clear routines in well-organised classrooms, where learners are aware of what they are learning and why.
- Teachers' effective work on developing mental agility and knowledge of fractions, particularly in the upper stages. This is increasing children's confidence and improving their skills in working with number.

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

- Teachers should continue to build on the positive work they have started in deepening their understanding of national standards. This will help teachers to enhance further their ability to identify and plan appropriate next steps in learning.
- Teachers should now focus on ensuring learning is well matched to the needs of all children. This should lead to raised attainment for children.