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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Inverkeithing 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.

- The headteacher's leadership in creating a community where all feel valued. She has developed a welcoming environment where staff, parents and partners work well together to enhance learning activities for children. Staff are taking forward initiatives linked to professional learning.
- Enthusiastic children who participate in a wide range of pupil groups, supporting them to share their opinion and contribute to school improvement. They are very proud of their school and their achievements.
- The strong partnerships with parents and partners. Shared starts, whole school events and other activities in school support parents well to learn alongside their children, leading to improvements in children's wellbeing. The Parent Council is effective in influencing children's learning and supports the school well to establish wider partnerships.

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

- Further improve the school's strategic approaches to self-evaluation leading to continuous improvement and consistency in high quality learning and teaching across the school.
- Develop an improved framework for how staff assess, and monitor and track children's progress to ensure planning for learning meets the needs of all children.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). 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 Inverkeithing Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/fife/5443326>

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

Graeme Gordon
 HM Inspector