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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Newcastle 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 and staff work well together. This helps them create nurturing and respectful relationships with children, parents and the community. Children feel safe and valued in school.
- Children are polite, caring and behave well. They are very supportive of each other and demonstrate the school values well.
- Led effectively by the headteacher, staff have a clear understanding of the needs of children and families. They work well with partners to provide effective support for children who require additional support with their learning. As a result, children learn in a calm and inclusive environment.

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

- Across the school, staff should continue to develop a consistent approach to high-quality learning and teaching. This includes using assessment information more clearly to plan learning which challenges all children appropriately.
- The headteacher and staff should introduce new ways to check that additional funding is helping to improve outcomes for children.
- Continue to increase the progress children make in their learning to improve attainment in literacy and numeracy.



We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using two 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 HMIE's evaluations for Newcastle Primary School

Quality indicators	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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | HMIE](#)

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.

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HM Inspector

On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland