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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Dunrossness 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.

- The leadership of the headteacher and the respect she has gained from staff, parents and the wider community. The positive relationships she fosters that are founded on mutual respect. The nurturing and inclusive environment of the school and its nursery where children and families are supported well.
- The teamwork amongst staff and their success in supporting children in their readiness to learn. Children's achievements and progress in their learning. The relevant learning activities and the value the school places in promoting the heritage of the South Mainland community.
- Children who are proud of their school, their achievements and show support and empathy for one another. They are motivated to learn and very well behaved.

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

- Continue to share good practice and ensure consistency in high quality learning and teaching across the school and nursery.
- Further develop approaches to tracking children's progress to clearly inform planning for learning 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 Dunrossness 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	good
Securing children's progress	good
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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2439>

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. Shetlands Islands 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