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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Balbeggie 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 and nursery's work.

- Across the school and nursery, children are friendly, polite, and display great enthusiasm for outdoor and active learning.
- Staff work well as a team to create a caring ethos across the school community. Building on the lead from the headteacher, staff ensure that children are treated as individuals and provided with valuable pastoral support. This impacts positively on children's wellbeing and improves equity for all.
- The effective partnership working across the school community where parents and partners make a positive contribution to the life of the school.

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

- Improve further the school's approaches to self-evaluation. In doing so, the school should increase the pace of change to ensure a stronger focus on securing better outcomes for all children.
- To support the improvement of children's attainment, the staff team should work together to ensure high quality learning experiences across the curriculum. In doing so, staff should continue to develop their understanding and use of assessment and moderation.
- The school should develop greater continuity across the early level. In doing so, it should involve the nursery class more in the life and work of the school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the schools 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 Balbeggie Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good

Descriptions of the evaluations are available from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#), [Appendix 3: The six-point scale](#).

Quality indicators nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/perth-and-kinross/5340926>.

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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HM Inspector