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Dear Parent/Carer

We are trying out some new approaches to inspection. You can find out about our engagement with stakeholders and the approaches we are trying out as a result at <u>Future</u> <u>approaches to inspection and review</u> on our website. The inspection of your school was carried out using one of our new approaches.

In September 2017, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited your school for a total of two days. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate aspects of the quality of leadership and children's achievements.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work:

- Children who enjoy learning and are proud of their many successes and who are rightly very positive about the wide range of opportunities they experience at school.
- The impact of the headteacher's leadership in securing improvements through collaborative working with staff. Staff work well together to identify the strengths and areas for improvement of the school and regularly share good practice from within and outwith the school. This sharing of practice is successfully leading to positive outcomes for all children.
- Parents and the community support the school well, enabling the school to offer equitable high quality learning experiences for all children. As a result, attainment and achievement is strong across the school.

The following areas for improvement were identified by inspectors:

- Continue to engage partners and the wider community fully in sustaining and further developing identified areas for improvement.
- Continue to maintain high standards of attainment and achievement within an ever changing school context.

Quality indicators (QIs) help schools, education authorities and inspectors to identify what is working well and what needs to be improved in the work of the school. You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school*¹? Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Grandtully Primary School:

QI 1.1 Self-evaluation for self-improvement	very good
QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement	very good

This letter and a more detailed document called the Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/perth-and-kinross/5344328

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.

Eleanor MacGregor Managing Inspector

¹ How good is our school? (4th Edition) 2015 <u>How good is our school? (fourth edition)</u>

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