

28 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Knockando Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the acting headteacher and staff.

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

- The confident, friendly children who demonstrate the school values well. They are engaged and enthusiastic learners.
- The teamwork of the acting headteacher, teachers and all staff. They work well together to develop positive relationships and to remove barriers children face in their learning.
- The effective approaches developed by the acting headteacher to assess children's progress and support high-quality learning and teaching.

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

- Develop approaches to planning in all areas of the curriculum to ensure children build on what they already know as they move through the school. This will help ensure that all children experience activities which are set at the right level of difficulty.
- Continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy, ensuring all children make the best progress possible.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Knockando Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
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 Education Scotland website at: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and Review | Education Scotland](#)

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

Robyn McIlroy
HM Inspector