

**CLUNY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
– EDUCATION SCOTLAND AND CARE INSPECTORATE VISIT, APRIL 2019**

Authority commentary on the inspection report

During the inspection the team of inspectors talked to parents/carers, children and staff. They met with the Head Teacher and Quality Improvement Officer at the beginning of the inspection and gathered evidence during the visit to enable them to evaluate aspects of the quality of learning and teaching and children's achievements.

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

- The headteacher who is well supported by all staff in creating a strong positive culture across the school. The ethos reflects well the school values of respect, responsibility and resilience and these are evident in all relationships.
- The positive and happy environment within classrooms where children are nurtured and enjoy learning and working together. The staff who work very well as a team and their commitment to improving outcomes for children.

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

- Class lessons should increasingly focus on challenging children to achieve stronger outcomes. The pace of learning needs to be more appropriate for all children to achieve their full potential.
- The staff could now begin to develop further opportunities for children to be more involved in planning and leading their own learning.
- To promote children's wider achievement, staff should explore approaches to increase opportunities for all children to take part in clubs and activities.

The local authority will continue to monitor the school's progress with its quality processes and will report back to the Committee as appropriate.

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