

Education Scotland Inspection of Cullen Primary Nursery, Cullen, October 2018

Authority commentary on the inspection report

In October 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Cullen 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 care and support children show for one another across the school and nursery. They interact very positively and respectfully during activities. Children are polite and highly motivated to learn.
- The teamwork of staff across the school and nursery, supported and led by the acting headteacher. There is a clear sense of an inclusive community which works together to make things the best they can be for all children.
- The high quality learning and teaching, particularly in approaches to numeracy.
- Children experience a culture of enjoyment, challenge and active participation. This is leading to increased attainment in numeracy and mathematics.

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

- Continue to develop systems which track the progress children are making in their learning throughout their time at Cullen Primary and Nursery, so that children make the best possible progress across all curriculum areas.
- Continue to develop approaches to planning and assessment within the nursery.
- Current systems for recording children's learning need to be streamlined to form a coherent picture of children's progress.
- Continue to ensure that all children have opportunities to participate in all aspects of school life.

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