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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Bun-Sgoil Shlèite and Sgoil-àraich - 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 bun-sgoil and sgoil-àraich's work.

- The headteacher and staff collaborate well together to create caring, welcoming and supportive relationships with children, parents and the community.
- The staff team support very well children's wellbeing, learning and sense of belonging to the bun-sgoil.
- Children are friendly, polite and keen to achieve. They engage well in learning that is personalised to meet their individual needs.
- The staff team in the sgoil-àraich make skilful use of total immersion. Children have a strong understanding of Gàidhlig and use some Gàidhlig in their play.

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

- The bun-sgoil team should enhance further children's experiences to ensure greater pace, challenge and creativity in learning, with increased use of digital technology. At the older stages of Gàidhlig Medium Education, all of children's learning and teaching needs to be in Gàidhlig.
- The headteacher and staff should continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy through the medium of Gàidhlig and English. For children in English Medium, the headteacher and staff should raise attainment in Gaelic (Learners).
- The headteacher should protect time to lead strategic improvements in children's learning experiences and raising attainment. An initial priority is to develop a more dynamic curriculum, in collaboration with partners, that meets the local needs of the bun-sgoil.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from How good is our school? (4th edition) and How good is our early learning and childcare?. 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 Bun-Sgoil Shlèite

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**satisfactory**
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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Securing children's progress	**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 (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: Bun-sgoil Shlèite (Sleat Primary School) | Inspection Report | 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. The Highland 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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