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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Linn Moor Residential School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers, children, young people, and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- All staff establish very nurturing relationships with children and young people and their families. Children and young people know they are safe, valued and cared for. This supports them to engage well in their learning.
- Staff work well with partners to assess children and young people's skills and abilities. This helps teachers to plan lessons which meet children and young people's needs well.
- Children and young people enjoy learning in the wide range of activities available in the school and wider community. They are developing a wide range of valuable skills including cooking and using public transport.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Voluntary Services Aberdeen Group.

- Teachers should continue to improve the quality of teaching across the school to ensure all children and young people are challenged appropriately in their learning.
- Teachers should continue to develop children and young people's writing skills.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using two 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 HMIE's evaluations for Linn Moor Residential School

| Quality indicators                                                                                                                          | Evaluation |
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| Learning, teaching and assessment                                                                                                           | good       |
| Raising attainment and achievement                                                                                                          | good       |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our school (4th edition) Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a> |            |

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: [Linn Moor School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in 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. VSA Group will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of the school.

Graeme Gordon  
 HM Inspector

On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland