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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Aberlour Primary Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager and practitioners.

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

- Children who are confident, happy, curious and creative. As a result, all children engage for long periods of time and make very good progress in their learning.
- Positive, nurturing relationships between staff, children and parents. This supports staff to meet children's individual needs very well and ensure positive outcomes for all.
- High-quality early learning and childcare practice which has been led and developed well by the supportive manager and team. As a result, children access a wide range of motivating and engaging learning experiences.

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

- As planned, staff should continue to explore further their approaches to digital learning. They have rightly identified the need to implement this in a meaningful and measured way to enhance learning.
- Staff could continue to explore ways to enhance children's arrival and departure from nursery. In doing so, they should take account of the constraints their unique context can present at times.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some of the setting's work using three quality indicators from the [Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors](#). Quality indicators help early learning and childcare settings, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each setting, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish early learning and childcare settings are doing.

Here are HMIE's evaluations for Aberlour Primary Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Curriculum	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Wellbeing, inclusion and equality	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at:

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What happens next?

We are confident that the setting 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 setting's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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HM Inspector

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