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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2025 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Melville-Knox Highland. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with school leaders, the Board and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning and teaching, the curriculum and children's successes and achievements.

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

- The vision and highly effective work of the Board and staff in establishing a well organised and successful school.
- Polite, enthusiastic and friendly children who are very proud of their school, and keen to share their learning and knowledge.
- Motivating learning activities that are planned carefully to challenge and interest children. All children make strong progress in their learning. The school's significant partnerships with parents, grandparents and volunteers enhance children's learning experiences across the curriculum.
- The commitment and dedication of the Board, staff and volunteers to ensuring a caring, supportive and nurturing ethos. Children thrive in the close family environment.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with staff and the governing Board.

- As planned, continue to develop a curriculum offer that is unique to the school community and builds on children's existing skills and knowledge.
- Continue to encourage children as leaders of their own learning. This includes building their awareness of the valuable skills they are developing for learning, life and the world of work.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Education Scotland's evaluations Melville-Knox Highland

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership and management of staff	very good
Curriculum	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition)	

What happens next?

Recommendation for Registrar's consideration

As a result of the overall quality of education provided by the school, we will make no further visits in connection with this post registration inspection. The Board will inform parents about the school's progress as part of their arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of the school. Education Scotland will copy this report to the Registrar of Independent Schools for information.

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