

15 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Ferintosh Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the interim headteacher and staff.

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

- Children are friendly, articulate and well-mannered. They are keen to share and celebrate their successes with staff, each other and visitors. Children are very proud of their school and have a strong sense of belonging and collective identity.
- Children have positive, trusting and nurturing relationship with staff. Children benefit from the care and support they receive from staff. Staff know children and their families very well. Children feel included, secure and safe in their learning environment.

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

- Teachers need to ensure that planning takes full account of accurate assessment information and children's prior learning. This should help them to plan learning that builds effectively on what children already know.
- Teachers should ensure learning activities are planned at the right level of difficulty to meet the needs of all children. This should help all children to make the best possible progress in their learning and raise attainment.
- Teachers need to develop further their understanding of national standards. They should use this information to help ensure that all children make appropriate progress in their learning.

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 Ferintosh Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: [Ferintosh Primary School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland](#)

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings, we think that the school needs additional support and time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with The Highland Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with The Highland Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school, we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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HM Inspector

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