3 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Poolewe Primary School. 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 school's work.

- Highly positive relationships between children and staff across the school community which are respectful and kind. Children are engaged and highly motivated, demonstrating very well the school values of respect, creativity, kindness and friendship in a warm and inclusive ethos.

- Creative and highly engaging learning experiences for children across the curriculum which carefully consider real-life contexts. Teachers support children to develop their knowledge and skills in a motivating and meaningful way through real-life contexts.

- Confident children who are actively involved in leading their learning and contributing positively to their school community. This ensures that children are affecting positive and meaningful change through well informed decision making.

- Collaborative working with local partners. Children and partners work together to identify and plan high-quality and relevant learning experiences linked to their local context. Children confidently use a range of well-developed skills to contribute very effectively within their local community.

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

- Continue to seek creative opportunities to take part in high-quality moderation activities with cluster schools.

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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 Poolewe Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**very good**
Wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**very good**
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: Poolewe Primary 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. 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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HM Inspector

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

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