17 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Colliston 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.

- Staff build positive relationships with children and their families. They create a calm, nurturing and inclusive environment which supports children to engage well in learning.
- Staff know children very well. They use this knowledge to provide effective universal and targeted supports which help improve children's wellbeing and attendance.
- Under the effective leadership of the headteacher, staff have introduced a common language for children to talk about their emotions and wellbeing. This helps children to recognise and understand their feelings and have confidence to seek support when needed.

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

- The headteacher and staff should continue to improve the quality of teaching. In doing so, they should ensure that all lessons provide challenge and increased opportunities for children to lead their own learning.
- Staff should continue to develop children's understanding of diversity to help ensure all children are well prepared to live, learn and work in a diverse society.

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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 Colliston Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**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: Reports page | Inspection reports | HMIE

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. Angus 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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