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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Wemyss Bay 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.

- Senior leaders are ambitious to improve children's experiences. They are supporting staff effectively as they develop and improve learning and teaching approaches.
- Teachers are improving how they use data to support children's progress and attainment. They are using information well to identify and support children's needs, achievements and participation in the life of the school.
- Children are welcoming, articulate and demonstrate a strong sense of belonging to the school community. They are passionate about rights-based learning and work well with staff to influence positive change.

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

- Staff should improve further on children's learning, teaching and assessment across the school. They need to embed recent approaches so that all children experience consistently high-quality learning and teaching. Staff need to provide children with appropriate levels of challenge in well-paced lessons.
- Staff should strengthen their judgements about children's progress in learning to ensure all attainment information is reliable. They should use this information to support all children to attain well.

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 Wemyss Bay Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
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: [Wemyss Bay 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. Inverclyde Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Patricia Cameron
HM Inspector

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