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Dear Parent/Carer

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

- Strong leadership and teamwork help create an inclusive school where children feel valued and included.
- Highly articulate, exceptionally well behaved and engaging children who are motivated to learn and are proud of their school community.
- Staff help children develop important skills for learning, life and work. Children understand these skills and can talk confidently about how they are developing them.
- Children achieve consistently high standards in literacy and numeracy.

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

- Staff should continue improving learning and teaching so that children have a clearer understanding of how well they are doing and what they need to do next.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to ensure tasks and activities are set at the right level of difficulty for all children so that they can make the best possible progress.
- Senior leaders should review how they are reducing the poverty-related attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged in the school community.

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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 Blackness Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Raising attainment and achievement	**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:
Blackness 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. Dundee City 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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