3 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In August 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Kincardine-in-Menteith 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.

- Children are well behaved, confident and welcoming. They are very proud of their school They benefit from very positive nurturing relationships with all staff. Staff create calm, inclusive learning environments.
- Staff's approaches to highly effective learning and teaching. Children have many meaningful opportunities to influence both what and how they learn. Children are highly engaged, resilient and motivated in their learning.
- The headteacher and staff work very effectively with each other. They have developed and sustained positive partnerships with parents and local community organisations to offer children a wide range of learning experiences which supports them to achieve.
- Children's levels of attainment in literacy and numeracy. The headteacher leads effectively a highly motivated staff team who work well together to improve outcomes for children. Staff use data well to target interventions which support children to meet and exceed national expectations in attainment.

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

- Teachers should continue to extend their use of feedback to help children reflect fully on their learning and identify next steps.

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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 Kincardine-in-Menteith Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**very good**
Raising attainment and achievement	**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: Kincardine-in-Menteith 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. Stirling Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

James Hammond
HM Inspector

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

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