

23 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Whitehills Primary School - Bun-sgoil nan Cnoc Geala. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the two headteachers and staff.

Whitehills Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The positive ethos in the school is based on the shared values and children's rights. Relationships are respectful and children are very proud of their school.
- Children's wider achievements link very well to the local community. Children make choices in their learning and influence decision making about the life and work of the school.
- Teachers plan learning consistently well in all classes so that all children feel included. Children benefit from high quality learning and teaching. They have high expectations of themselves when completing tasks.
- The strong leadership for learning of the joint headteachers is embraced by the staff team. Together they have a clear understanding of how to support and challenge children in their learning. Children across the school have high levels of attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- Children benefit from high quality experiences in Gaelic Medium through drama, song and digital technologies. These motivating approaches improve children's knowledge and use of Gaelic and their understanding of Gaelic heritage.

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

- Continue to ensure that children have opportunities to apply their literacy and numeracy skills across the curriculum.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Education Scotland's evaluations for Whitehills 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 Education Scotland website at:

[Whitehills Primary School and Nursery Class | Inspection Report | Education 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. Angus Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Dr Elizabeth C Montgomery
HM Inspector