

25 August 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Kingsbarns 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 experience positive, nurturing and trusting relationships with all staff and each other. This helps children to engage well and develop a healthy respect for learning.
- Staff collaborate very effectively with each other, parents and local community partners to provide children with a wide range of rich opportunities to learn and achieve. Through these experiences, children are developing very well their self-confidence and demonstrate pride in their school.
- Children attain very well in literacy and numeracy. Staff plan well considered supports and interventions to enable children to progress well.

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

- Staff should continue to develop high-quality approaches to learning and teaching. As planned, teachers should also continue to develop the quality of feedback to help children understand better their individual strengths and next steps in learning.
- Senior leaders should support staff to track children's progress beyond literacy and numeracy. This should support children to build progressively on prior learning across all areas of the curriculum.

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 Kingsbarns Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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: [Kingsbarns 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. Fife 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