

25 August 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Ellon Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Ellon 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.

- Senior leaders and staff who engage effectively in relevant professional learning. They use this positively to improve their own classroom practices and support children's learning across the school. As a result, children's learning environments are well-organised, stimulating and nurturing.
- Children who are welcoming, confident and proud of their school. They are respected and valued members of the Ellon Primary School community. They successfully display their school values in their play, interactions and learning.
- Senior leaders and staff who check in on children's progress in learning regularly. Together, they plan effective targeted teaching approaches to support children well in aspects of their learning. This is improving attainment outcomes for children in literacy and numeracy.
- Children who engage enthusiastically in a variety of clubs, committees and activities within and outwith the school. Their involvement is supporting children very well to develop as successful learners and make effective and positive contributions to the life and work of the school.

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

- Senior leaders and staff should continue to take forward their plans to embed consistently high-quality approaches to learning and teaching. This should support senior leaders and teachers to better meet the varying needs of all children in their learning.
- Senior leaders should continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy, ensuring that staff support and challenge all children effectively.

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 Ellon 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: [Ellon 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. Aberdeenshire 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