

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE - 16 AUGUST 2018

EDUCATION SCOTLAND INSPECTION OF TIMMERGREENS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY CLASS

Each year Education Scotland inspects and reports on the quality of education in a sample of pre-school centres, primary schools, secondary schools and other education services. To support improvement, the inspection team evaluates the quality of children and young people’s learning and achievement. There is a key focus on the development of children and young people’s skills and understanding in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing, which enables access to the highest possible learning within a broad general education and beyond.

Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is good and what needs to be improved in the work of the school. You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school (4th edition) for the primary stages and for the nursery class, How good is our Early Learning and Childcare?* The quality indicators (QIs) that inspectors reported on in this shorter, focused inspection were:

- QI 1.1 Self-evaluation for self-improvement
- QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement
- QI 3.2 Securing children’s progress

Timmergreens Primary School was inspected during the week of 23 April 2018. The inspection report was published on 19 June 2018.

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

- The enthusiastic articulate children who respect each other and adults. They are proud of their school and eager to learn.
- The strong community partnerships which provide a range of quality experiences to enhance children’s achievements.
- The leadership of the headteacher who knows her school very well. Her effective approaches to self-evaluation are driving forward school improvement.

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

- Continue to improve the pace of children’s progress in literacy and numeracy across the school.
- Continue the planned work to help children understand the skills they are learning and know themselves as learners.

Education Scotland inspectors noted that they 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.

Education Scotland’s evaluations for Timmergreens School are as follows:

PRIMARY STAGES

Self-evaluation for self-improvement	very good
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Raising attainment and achievement	good
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NURSERY CLASS

Self-evaluation for self-improvement	very good
Securing children's progress	very good

The letter and more detailed summarised inspection findings are available on the Education Scotland website.

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