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Craigellachie Primary School inspection report

A Speyside primary school has earned a positive report from Education Scotland inspectors.

They found that the relationship between pupils and staff at Craigellachie Primary created a strong family ethos across the school and children felt safe and well cared for as a result.

Of the four areas of the school's performance which were evaluated, three were ranked as 'good' and the other as 'satisfactory'.

The inspection report, published today, said head teacher Shiobhan Woolgar was a strong role model for both staff and pupils.

“She strives to get the best for the school community and demonstrates high levels of resilience, energy and creativity which is translated in her vision for the continuous improvement of the school,” said the report.

All staff also demonstrated high levels of commitment to the vision, values and aims of the school which was reflected in how they supported children and their families and sought to secure the best possible outcomes for all children.

The inspectors, who visited the school in September, also found that the strengths of the school included its extensive use of the outdoor learning environment to increase pupils’ wellbeing and enhance their learning and the partnerships which it had forged with parents and the wider community.

Four areas were identified where improvements could be made, including the need to continue to develop the curriculum at all stages to ensure pupils experienced suitable learning pathways and to strengthen strategic guidance and support to ensure consistently high quality learning and teaching across the school.

The inspectors said they were confident that Craigellachie Primary had the capacity to continue to improve and as a result they did not intend making any follow-up visits in connection with the inspection.

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